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Hattersley wants to license City companies

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

A Labour government should take powers to regulate the activities of the City of London and to license people and companies in the financial world. Mr Roy Hattersley, a leading contender for the party leadership, said last night. He said that the City was interested in quick profits, not long-term growth, and had "persistently failed to provide the new investment in manufacturing industry that is necessary for the high levels of production and productivity which our economy so desperately needs". Complaining that in some ways the Labour Party had been too timid Mr Hattersley, the leading "moderate" among the four leadership candidates, who has been the most outspoken in calling for changes in policy, went beyond the proposals in Labour's election manifesto. The manifesto proposed the establishment of a National Investment Bank "to put new resources from private institutions and from the Government... on a large scale into our industrial priorities". Although it was stated that the bank would "attract and channel savings by agreement" with banks, stockbrokers, commodity brokers, Mr Hattersley said. "Licences should only be granted to institutions which act in the national interest as established in law by Parliament."

John Aspinall's zoo prosecuted



Tigress Zeya with two keepers (Mr Brian Stocks, left, and Mr Robert Wilson) whom it later killed at Mr John Aspinall's zoo. His company is being prosecuted. (Report, page 3).

Mobs burn shops in Sri Lanka

Colombo (Reuters) - The Sri Lankan Government imposed a 15-hour curfew on Colombo and several other parts of the country yesterday as mobs went on the rampage, setting fire to shops, houses and vehicles.

A government statement said rioting broke out on Sunday night after the killing of 13 soldiers in attacks by separatist guerrillas on Saturday in the northern district of Jaffna. Three people died in the violence in Colombo yesterday. The Government said curfew violators might be shot without warning and rioters would be punished with death. It ordered immediate mobilization of all volunteer forces. Witnesses said shops and houses belonging to minority Tamils were the targets of attacks. A pall of black smoke hung over Colombo as several shops went up in flames. Tension between the majority Sinhalese and Tamils had been simmering during the past few weeks as a result of increased attacks by an outlawed guerrilla movement fighting for a separate state for Tamils. The Tamil community forms 12.6 per cent of the country's population. A public holiday has been declared for today because the curfew might be reimposed, officials said. Troops and police stood guard and patrolled the worst-affected areas. President Jayawardene last week began talks to find ways of combating guerrillas.

State holding cut by 7% Government opts for £500m BP sale

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

The Government is planning to sell up to £500m of shares in British Petroleum before the end of this financial year, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced yesterday. It will be the third sale of government-held shares in BP since June 1977, and is expected to reduce the Government's holding from 39 per cent to between 31 and 32 per cent. The decision to go for quick asset sales means that Mr Lawson has opted for one of the easiest and least controversial routes open to him in his efforts to ease the pressures on public spending. The Chancellor said on July 7 that he was raising his target for proceeds from asset sales this financial year from £750m to £1,250m. Yesterday's announcement implies that he expects to raise all the extra money in one go from the BP issue, despite speculation that he was also planning a further sale of shares in companies such as Britoil and Cable & Wireless. Treasury officials said last night that no decision about the form or timing of the issue had been taken. It will, however, be an offer for sale open to members of the public, rather than a "placing" of shares with City investment institutions, one of the options open to Mr Lawson. BP shares fell by 14p to 390p yesterday in anticipation of the share sale. At that price, the Government would need to sell roughly 7 per cent of its holding to raise £500m. In practice, City analysts expect the shares to be offered at a discount of perhaps 30p on the prevailing market price, which would dilute the Government's holding nearer to 31 per cent. At that level the Government would still be entitled - as it has been since 1914 - to exercise a veto over decisions of the BP board. In practice, the veto has never been exercised, and the Government has always said it would never intervene in the company's commercial decisions, only on issues of national strategic importance. The first BP share sale was in 1977 when the Labour Government raised £546m by cutting its holding from 68 per cent to 51 per cent. In 1979 the present Government raised £390m by selling another 5.1 per cent, in one of its first moves to dispose of state-owned assets. Mr Lawson is relying heavily on the sale of oil assets to meet the £1,250m target. This year the Government has already received £300m from the second tranche of payments on last year's Britoil share sale, and is expecting to raise £350m to £500m from the sale of British Gas oil assets, both in the North Sea and on land in Dorset. Leading article, page 11

Fast digging theory on mine flood

By Richard Evans

The flooding which closed the National Coal Board's recently opened "superpit" at Selby in North Yorkshire at the weekend may have been caused by high technology equipment installed to speed up production. Experts believe that the speed with which the coal face was pushed forward may have helped to crack water-bearing rock. The Wistow colliery, opened three weeks ago, was flooded with 15 million gallons of water and could be closed for months. NCB chiefs insisted yesterday that the flooding would not put the Wistow mine in jeopardy or hinder the rest of the Selby project. Full story, page 2

Kissinger will not negotiate

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Dr Henry Kissinger's 12 member Presidential Commission on Central America, which will begin deliberations in two weeks, plans an early visit to the region and will also seek talks with the leftist regime of Nicaragua. Dr Kissinger was adamant when he emerged from talks with President Reagan in the Oval Office last night that under no circumstances will the commission engage in any negotiations with any Government or group or become involved in any immediate efforts at reconciliation. He hinted heavily that he might make a personal visit to the region, separate from the other commission members. He said he had told the President that he did not believe the commission would be able to report by December 1, as mandated, and that February would be a more realistic deadline. He described the Central American situation as "one of the most searing problems before our nation." Asked if American involvement could lead the United States into another Vietnam-type conflict, he said: "A great deal depends of how one views what Vietnam was. I think it is imperative that we avoid the bitter debates that characterized the Vietnam period and also that we avoid the same kind of uncertainty about objectives, and about... Continued on back page, col 5

Union set to defy Murray in strike

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Settlement of the two-month strike at the Financial Times still seemed remote yesterday as the TUC's "inner cabinet" heard the case of the National Graphical Association (NGA), the union at the centre of the dispute. Mr Joe Wade, general secretary of the NGA, was in no mood to back down. He said: "I can't see any circumstances under which my national executive would change its view." The TUC's Finance and General Purposes Committee is recommending that the union should face the General Council tomorrow which is being asked to "formally warn" the NGA. The union will be called upon to accept a back to work call from Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, who underwrote the mediation talks. The union will be given "a period" in which to abide by the warning, a spokesman said last night. Asked whether his defiance would be maintained even under threat of expulsion from the TUC, Mr Wade replied that it would. But he thought that the ultimate sanction was a "remote possibility". He said that the only way to resolve the dispute was "to get back round the table". The union's actions were not intended as a snub to Mr Murray. If the NGA, whose national council recently backed the stoppage unanimously, refuses to accept a mediators' report, the general council will discuss the subject again. This time it could recommend disciplinary procedures under rule 13, which could involve suspension of the recalcitrant union. But the process will take some weeks and Mr Alan Hare, chairman and chief executive of the paper, last night registered his disappointment. He said last night: "The matter has been referred to the general council and this will be another two days at least. It is painful for the company and the strikers. If this is the position I'm not going to take any action." It was thought he was referring to plans to republish the Frankfurt edition of the paper without the help of the NGA. A TUC spokesman made it clear that the committee yesterday was not entitled to discipline the union. It was a forum in which the two sides of the argument could be heard.



Mr Joe Wade: No mood to back down

TUC ends Tebbitt boycott

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Trade union leaders yesterday formally agreed to end their boycott of talks with Mr Norman Tebbitt, Secretary of State for Employment, but speculation about a significant thaw in relations between the TUC and the Government is beginning to look premature. The TUC's employment committee agreed without dissent to take up an invitation to discussions with the Minister after his manifesto promise to consult the unions on the operation of their political funds and individual payment of the political levy. But they condemned outright other labour law reforms on secret ballots before strikes and union office contained in Mr Tebbitt's recent White Paper, and began mobilizing labour movement opinion against the proposals. TUC leaders agreed to circulate to affiliated unions a copy of the Tebbitt plans with a Congress House document "assessing their dangers", and inviting comments on the implications of such legislation. A document will then be prepared for submission to the Employment Secretary, and the full TUC general council will seek to see him to express their opposition to the proposals. This meeting therefore is unlikely to be a genuine meeting of minds on the issue of secret ballots to which Mr Tebbitt is committed. On the issue of the political levy, however, the unions apparently believe that the government may be persuaded not to go ahead with legislation that could cripple the flow of funds to the Labour Party, by requiring them to have ballots every 10 years.

Israelis refuse to delay withdrawal

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

On the eve of this week's hastily arranged talks in Washington for two senior Israeli ministers, the Israeli Government was at pains yesterday to rule out a possibility that the two men might bow to US pressure and agreeing to delay the imminent redeployment of Israeli troops in Lebanon. After reports from Washington on Israel radio that the Reagan Administration was seeking a six-month delay in the plan, official sources emphasized that neither minister was authorized to take any new decisions during the controversial trip without full Cabinet approval. "They are there to listen," one official explained. Attempts were also made by the Government to remove the impression that President Reagan's rushed invitation was more of an undignified summons than a normal diplomatic gesture between sovereign states. Mrs Geula Cohen, an extreme right-wing supporter of the Begin coalition, likened it to "an army mobilization order." Continued on back page, col 2

Chink in door of Bialoleka jail

From Roger Boyes, Bialoleka

The metal door of Bialoleka security prison slid open yesterday with a screech and a clatter to disgorge five men, beneficiaries of Poland's long-awaited amnesty, who scuttled out like beetles, dodging the television cameras. The amnesty was one of the few immediately tangible results of the lifting of martial law last week. For more than one and a half years it has been one of the key points in the demands of the Roman Catholic Church leadership, and the underground Solidarity has also pressed hard with most demonstrations echoing with calls of "free political prisoners". The first sign of the amnesty in practice was hardly encouraging for those who hoped that the political heavyweights of Solidarity would now be free to walk the streets of Warsaw: of the 100,000, four were guilty of traffic offences and the fifth, arrested some months ago for ripping down a Polish flag, scarcely ranked as an important prisoner of conscience. The amnesty is supposed in the first instance to benefit political malcontents serving less than three years for criminal law offences. If they are caught committing a political offence again in the coming months they can be put into jail again without delay. The amnesty also applies to strike organizers and other political offenders, as well as to a number of non-political offenders guilty of unintentional crimes - hence the release of the traffic offenders. Men of over 60, women of over 50 and people who have to look after children of under 16 can also be released. The numbers are vague. Professor Sylwester Zawadzki, the Justice Minister, has claimed that about 1,000 non-political offenders could benefit. The number of political prisoners is more vague. Some weeks ago, the official reckoning was that there were more than 100 political offenders already sentenced, about 450 under investigation and under "temporary arrest" and a number of others on "suspended arrest" for medical reasons.

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New high-speed mining equipment may have caused Selby flooding

By Richard Evans

The flooding which has closed Wistow colliery, the recently opened showpiece of British mining at Selby, north Yorkshire, may have been caused by the speed of production, using high-technology equipment.

Mining engineers believe the ultra-modern equipment may have contributed to the cracking of the water-bearing rock above the mine galleries which allowed 15 million gallons of water to rush into the pit over the weekend.

is something which we did not expect. We knew the rocks were heavily water-bearing but we cannot identify why they have broken. It may be that we have extracted coal at such a fast rate we have beaten the bend in the rocks."

Traditional mining methods, which are slower, allow the rock strata to settle as coal faces push forward underground, but the quicker new technology, means the rock may not be able to "bend" slowly but will fall and split instead.

The flooding began on Saturday morning at the rate of 2,500 gallons a minute. The water was diverted into a dead end underground roadway with a 22 gallon capacity, where it has been trapped.

Dozens of emergency pumps and miles of pipes have been brought in and coal board chiefs said yesterday they were "in control of the situation".

three main breaks where the water is entering the pit, but Mr Eaton denied the flooding had been caused by error. "I could not accept it as a mistake by the mining engineers," he said. "I could not have thought of anything different that we could do - not on the first face."

He described the embarrassing flooding of the NCB "superpit" as a setback "but not a calamity". Mining equipment worth more than £3m is in the flooded area but it is hoped that much of it will be salvaged.

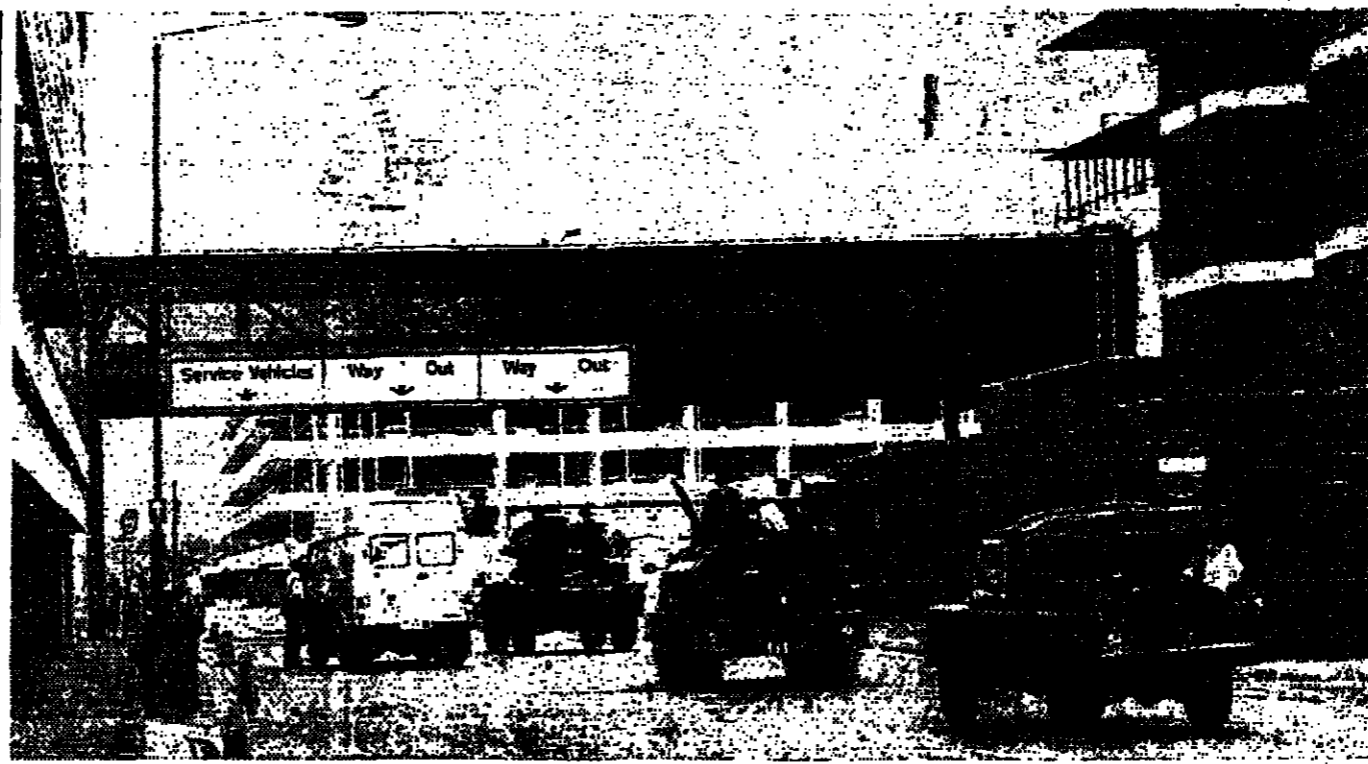
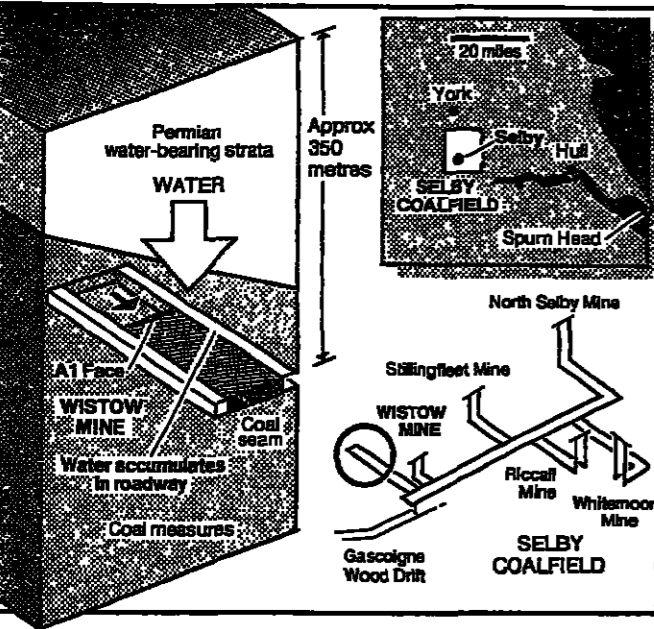
Mr Eaton said the second Wistow coal face should open ahead of schedule in November and none of the other development work in the Selby coalfield would be affected.

The flooding could hardly have come at a worse time for the NCB, which is technically insolvent. The face 1,000 ft underground was providing 20,000 tonnes of coal a week.

Pit managers at the Wistow mine and local officials of the British Association of Colliery Management conducted an on-the-spot investigation yesterday and will report today to a meeting of the union's executive in London, our Labour Editor writes.

Mr Alan Wilson, general secretary of the Association confessed that managers were "non-plussed" by the water problems coming so soon after the formal opening of the colliery. "It is very disappointing news," he added. "We are not yet in a position to assess how much of a setback it will be."

The industry's managers had a wealth of experience in dealing with strata that contain a large volume of water, but had not anticipated what appeared to have happened at Wistow. "Therefore we must examine the facts very carefully before any conclusions are drawn."



Army at airport: Armoured personnel carriers and Ferret scout cars at Heathrow airport, London yesterday during security manoeuvres by police and the Army. The manoeuvres, are described by the British Airports Authority as regular but follow a police warning of possible reprisals after Zaven Bedros, an Armenian terrorist, was jailed for eight years at the Central Criminal Court on Saturday. His three accomplices are still at large. Photograph by John Voos.

Ulster loses 775 jobs in Goodyear plant closure

From Our Correspondent Belfast

Goodyear's industrial products plant in the Ulster town of Craigavon, Co Armagh, is to close with the loss of 700 jobs.

An associated research and development centre, opened only three years ago, is also to close. Its workforce of 75 are mostly graduates. Payoffs will begin on Friday and the closures will be completed by October 28.

Goodyear's Craigavon employees were given the news yesterday, when they returned to work after a two-week holiday. The public announcement was made in Belfast by Mr Gene Cullen, the American Chairman of the Goodyear (Great Britain).

He blamed the repressed British and European markets and low prices for much heavy rubber products as hoses, fenders and conveyor belts which are produced at Craigavon together with cling-wrap plastic film.

The factory, which once employed 1,800 was working at less than one-third of its capacity. It was losing some £700,000 a month. Losses this year already totalled £4.5m, he said.

Goodyear's decision, which had been feared for some weeks, was described as "another black day for the Northern Ireland industrial economy" by Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office.

Eire violence plea

Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Foreign Minister, last night pledged that his government would do everything it could to end violence in and from Ireland (Richard Dowden writes).

Speaking of Northern Ireland in Birmingham on the first day of his three-day visit to Britain, Mr Barry said that Ireland would work with Britain for a resolution "of this last great difficulty in our relationship". "We will work only by persuasion, we will progress only by consent", he said.

Sinn Fein visit

Mr Gerry Adams, Provisional Sinn Fein MP for West Belfast, is to begin a short visit to London today which will include meetings with Labour MPs at the House of Commons and a tour of several London boroughs (Richard Dowden writes).

He will meet Mr Ken Livingstone, the GLC leader and tomorrow plans to visit Brent, Hackney and Brixton, before speaking at a rally in Finsbury Town Hall.

Fight in court

Fist fights and uproar greeted the appearance of Raymond Gilmour, aged 23, an IRA supergrass in a Belfast court yesterday as he gave evidence against 25 people accused of more than 100 terrorist-style offences.

Gilmour, whose father, Patrick, has been kidnapped by the IRA, who threatened to kill him if his son gives evidence, had been in the witness box for 40 minutes when his mother began to weep and shout. RUC officers dragged her from the court and Gilmour resumed his testimony in a calm voice.

East Anglia to cushion health cuts

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Drugs ring organizers choose smugglers who will appeal to courts' sympathies so that they can gain bail and abscond, if they are caught.

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Education cuts spare grants

By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent

Universities are to take the brunt of the £30m cut in the education service, announced as part of the package of spending cuts by the Chancellor of the exchequer earlier this month, but the student grant will not be affected.

An announcement is expected in the House of Commons today to say that £20m will have to come off the universities' budget this year. The other £10m will be pruned from the Department of Education and Science's own running costs and from 15 to 20 other items.

This news is likely to be greeted with some relief in higher education circles because of the sums allocated to individual universities will be touched.

That means that the University Grants Committee will be deprived of money which it was holding on to for one purpose and presumably hoping now to spend on another. Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education, was anxious to protect research and the grants to the research councils.

DPP asked to rule on cliff deaths

By Craig Seton

The Director of Public Prosecutions is being asked to decide if any offence was committed during an incident at Newquay in Cornwall, in which two teenagers plunged over a cliff to their deaths while trying to escape from a gang of Scottish youths.

By yesterday police had interviewed all six members of the Scottish group who either came forward or were traced by police after the tragedy in the early hours of Sunday. They are understood to have told police that they did not intend to harm the group from Liverpool although they had been running and shouting.

None of the Scottish youths had been arrested or charged. Miles Thomas and David Stevens, both aged 17 and both from Liverpool, jumped over a wall and fell 60ft to their deaths after running away from a gang they thought was chasing them.

British Airways opts out of Airbus deal

By Michael Bailey Transport Editor

British Airways will not order the new 150-seat Airbus A320, partly because it fears a £400m order for about 20 of the new aircraft could make privatization of the airline more difficult. The news will come as a severe disappointment to Airbus Industries and its British partner British Aerospace, who put strong pressure on BA in recent months to place launching orders to help the project off the ground.

But bad news for Airbus does not mean good news for Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, the two American rivals offering replacements for British Airways' aging and noisy Trident. The likely outcome of BA's board meeting next month will be to place orders with none of the three contenders - nor to enter a leasing deal with them.

In BA's view the clever move in the present depressed state of the aviation and aerospace industries is to take advantage of low secondhand prices and lease aircraft with the help of independent finance houses.

Dockland plant for Telegraph

The Daily Telegraph is to go ahead with its plan for a new £60m production plant on the Isle of Dogs, seen as a big boost to the rejuvenation of London's docklands.

The plan has been delayed during discussions with print unions over the introduction of new technology. The paper has made losses of £7.5m in the past three years.

Arm sewn back

Mrs Margaret Derriman, aged 32, had her severed ear and arm stitched back at Wexham Park Hospital, in Slough, early yesterday after her MGB sports car had overturned near her home at Burnham, Buckinghamshire.

Flying home

Thirty-five young musicians from the Gwent brass band, who are recovering from last Thursday's coach crash on an autobahn near Frankfurt, are to fly back to Britain today. Twelve of the band will remain for further treatment.

Council leaders reject cuts

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

Local authority leaders yesterday firmly rejected across-the-board spending cuts at the levels demanded by the Government's overall plan.

At best, Conservative-controlled councils might attempt to make savings, provided the Government gave "a realistic and attainable" target considerably in excess of official projections.

Even the loyal Conservative district and counties association leaders emerged from the Consultative Council on Local Government Finance, a liaison body for ministers and municipal chiefs, determined to resist what one called the "serious deterioration of services" which would follow if Government figures were adhered to.

Metropolitan muddle

By David Walker Local Government Correspondent

In Brotherton House, the old police headquarters building in the centre of Leeds, there is a computer which controls the traffic lights not just of Leeds but of Wakefield, Huddersfield and Bradford as well.

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Curbs sought on Soviet shipping

By Michael Bailey Transport Editor

Free world governments were urged yesterday to impose quotas on Russian shipping to counteract the steadily-growing commercial and military threat posed by Soviet merchant and fishing vessels.

Since 1960 Russia has built up the world's biggest merchant fleet numerically, with 800 ships, and has risen from fourteenth to sixth place, ahead of the United States, in tonnage terms, according to a new study published in Britain and the United States.

Its authors include Captain Vladimir Lysenko, a former captain in the Soviet fishing fleet, Admiral William Mott of the National Strategy Information Centre, the United States defence "think tank" and Sir Ronald Swayne, former chairman of Britain's biggest liner shipping group, Overseas Containers (OCL).

The study is published in the United States by the Strategy



Captain Lysenko: Warns of Russian threat.

Centre, and in Britain by Aims of Industry, a free enterprise lobby supported by more than a thousand British commercial firms.

Urging the West to wake up to the threat, Captain Lysenko said at a London press conference yesterday that Russia had built up a large fishing fleet, although it was impossible to buy fish in the Soviet Union.

High prices for erotic pictures

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

A German enamelled cigarette case with a brightly painted cover picturing an Arab slave vendor uncovering a dark haired woman wearing nothing more substantial than a ribbon and a few jewels was bid to £7,700 (estimate £500-£600) at Sotheby's yesterday.

The most remarkable feature of the bidding battle was that it ran between two women, one calmly holding up her hand and the other jumping up and down with excitement and disarray at bidding such a high price for a small but perfectly painted dirty picture.

The cigarette case was one of a collection, dating from around 1900, some with erotic scenes painted in enamel on the covers and others with similar paintings hidden on secret panels in false lids. The cases were made of "silver coloured metal" which is the official description of silver if it is sold without an assay mark. Most of the cigarette cases came from Germany, though some were made in France, Britain or America.

A case with a secret panel depicting a "pampered grisette" undressing in a marble bath-tub sold for £1,760 (estimate £500-£700) and another with a pretty nude teasing a monkey who pulls off her silk robe made £1,650 (estimate £500-£600).

Most of the bidders for the erotic picture boxes were women.

The sale of silver, silver small work and works of art totalled £134,536 with 19 per cent unsold. It included a collection of vesta cases, or boxes designed to contain matches, most of them incorporating a striking surface. They dated mainly from between 1880 and the First World War.

With match boxes, as with cigarette cases, naked girls were the favourite decoration.

About 40 vesta case collectors went to the sale and bid fiercely and seriously.

Finding someone to take the reins

By David Walker Local Government Correspondent

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The first table sets out the six with their population, many of whom have only the faintest notions of what this upper tier of councils does or even where they are. Many are the motorists driving north on the M6 who on crossing the Irwell viaduct do a double-take at the road sign announcing they are in Greater Manchester, when Manchester and Stockport are many miles distant and the nearest town is Warrington, which is in Cheshire.

This wide degree of civic ignorance will ensure that there will be few popular demonstrations against abolition before the date recently confirmed by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, April 1, 1986. But by then it is likely that people will have a clearer idea of their functions, if only because of the mass of

THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES

	Population (millions)	Net cost of all services per head (£)
Greater Manchester	2.5	128
Merseyside	1.5	161
South Yorkshire	1.3	158
Tyne and Wear	1.1	156
West Midlands	2.6	115
West Yorkshire	2.0	132

Service	Spending per head of population (£)
Police	24
Roads	27
Bus and train subsidies	24
Fire	10
Rubbish disposal	5
Other services and admin (e.g. grants, airports)	24
Total	138

of main roads and traffic control and, more controversially, running public transport.

The bus service of South Yorkshire has become a symbol of where the metropolitan counties - now all Labour controlled - and the Government differ. Fares have not been raised in the area (which covers Doncaster, Sheffield, Rotherham and Barnsley) for nearly a decade. The county this year is paying £37.74 per head of population to subsidize the buses and a further £10 a head to pay for concessionary fares for old people.

One reason why the metropolitan counties have never settled is because of overlap between their functions and metropolitan districts beneath them. Some districts, including Labour authorities, ask why there needs to be a separate planning, land reclamation and recreation budget at the county level.

The Government is to publish a White Paper in September outlining its plans for the counties. It will have "greenish edges", Mr Jenkin said, to take account of criticisms. County councillors and their officials are convinced that a cool appraisal of their work would show a need for the metropolitan counties to continue; we may not be popular, they say, but someone has to run the traffic lights computer and the money to pay for it has to come out of some tax or rate-payer's pocket - unless the Pudsey traffic is to be permanently snarled up.

Most important in money terms, as the record table shows, is running the police. The metropolitan counties provide a majority of members of the police authority for each county, which also includes magistrates. In spite of the mostly proud reputation of such city forces as Sheffield's prior to 1974 there is no suggestion that police should now be devolved.

Along with police, the counties operate the other protective services of fire, which costs about £10,000 a year for every man, woman and child in the county areas. The other expensive items in the counties' budget are the repair and maintenance

Overseas selling prices: Australia £4.50, Belgium 8.75, Canada \$2.00, Denmark 12.00, France 12.00, Germany 12.00, Greece 12.00, Hong Kong 12.00, India 12.00, Italy 12.00, Japan 12.00, Korea 12.00, New Zealand 12.00, Norway 12.00, Portugal 12.00, Singapore 12.00, South Africa 12.00, Spain 12.00, Sweden 12.00, Switzerland 12.00, Taiwan 12.00, Thailand 12.00, USA \$1.50, West Germany 12.00.

Zoo where tigress killed two keepers took risks, Aspinall jury told

Corners were cut and "unfortunate risks" taken at Mr John Aspinall's zoo near Canterbury, leading to the deaths of two keepers who were mauled by a Siberian tigress, it was heard yesterday.

To care for the animals, things were just overlooked. Of these things caused the deaths of these two men, Mr John Aspinall, for the prosecution, and a jury at Canterbury Crown Court.

In the first case of its kind, Aspinall's company, Howlands and Port Lympne Estates, faces two charges of failing to ensure the safety of its employees.

Mr Brian Stocks, aged 29, died tiger keeper, who died in hospital on August 21, 1980. Mr Robert Wilson, aged 28, was mauled in separate attacks of the tigress, Zeya, after they entered its enclosure at Howlands Zoo.

Mr Aspinall, aged 54, who is famous for wrestling his tigers, shot Zeya, which is 12 years old, after the incident a month later. The company is accused of allowing Mr Stocks to enter the enclosure alone when the tigress was there. The second charge alleges that Mr Wilson was permitted to enter an enclosure separated from Zeya's by a fence of inadequate design.

Mr Stocks was attacked by Zeya when wearing a cub of six weeks, and Mr Wilson was attacked after Zeya had moved to an enclosure adjoining that of the cub.

Mr Reide said that zoo-keeping experience should have dictated that a keeper did not enter the "big cats" enclosure alone. At Howlands, as for as the big cats were concerned, there were no rules, either written or understood, he alleged.

After the death of Mr Stocks, Zeya should have been destroyed, Mr Reide told the court.

Mr Wilson died because Zeya scaled a separating fence 10ft 2in high in its enclosure to attack him. Although he was accompanied by other keepers, they were unable to beat the tigress off.

The fence, Mr Reide alleged, was too low for safety.

This particular tigress had built up a reputation of being difficult to handle and with the birth of its cub it became more aggressive and its attitude to the keepers changed, he said.

Mr Oliver Graham-Jones, a veterinary surgeon, told the court that Siberian Tigers were the largest of their species, weighing up to 400 lb and measuring 10ft from nose to tail.

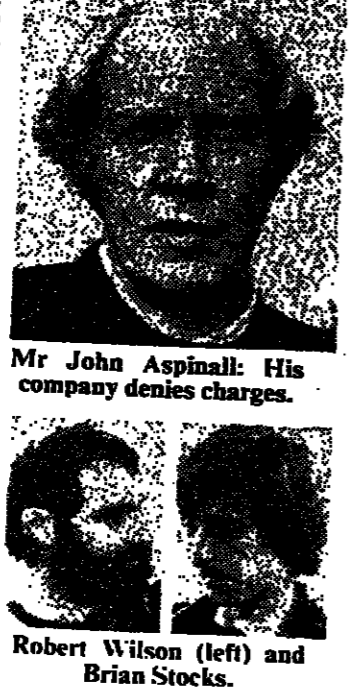
"It is recognized that in adversity, these animals are capable of profound feats of strength and aggression."

Mr Graham-Jones, who has written a guide for keepers who look after animals including big cats, said: "I believe an overhang at the top of a fence will prevent an animal crossing it. The lowest fence I have ever seen keeping an animal in is 12ft with an overhang above that."

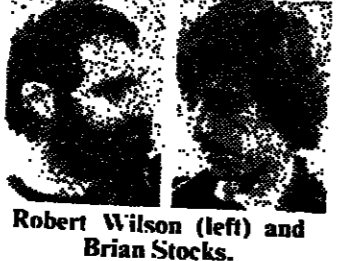
Mr Graham-Jones continued: "There must have been some very important reason why Mr Stocks went into that cage alone. I have no idea what that reason could be. It would have been absolutely essential to obtain assistance and authority to enter the cage."

"If I was there and this happened and Mr Stocks had lived I would have reprimanded him at least."

The case continues today.



Mr John Aspinall: His company denies charges.



Robert Wilson (left) and Brian Stocks.



Sounding off: Self-styled "Major General" Barry Nuttall, aged 34, commanding officer of the Allied Azis Society of Military enthusiasts, reviewing his "troops" before driving from Hull to London yesterday with a petition for the Prime Minister. He took a 700-signature petition complaining about the bull-dozing of his house and headquarters in what was Melbourne Grove, Hull, under an eviction and compulsory purchase order. He is now living under canvas.

Judge tells Adamson jury it must be certain of evidence

The jury hearing the trial of Mr Peter Adamson, the *Coronation Street* actor, at Burnley Crown Court was told by the judge yesterday that it had to try the case solely on the evidence and should ignore "emotions and suspicions".

Mr Adamson, aged 53, of Old Road, Bury, Greater Manchester, who plays Len Fairclough in the television serial, has pleaded not guilty to indecently assaulting two girls aged eight at Haslingden swimming baths last April.

Judge Lockett was speaking after counsel for the prosecution and the defence had completed their closing speeches. He will deal with Mr Adamson's evidence today and the jury is expected to consider its verdict later today.

The judge told the jury of eight men and four women: "Mr Adamson is your fellow man and he is entitled to demand of you to be treated as such and in no other way."

"You, members of the jury, in the very name of justice and fairness, must disregard what you know of his professional life save what I shall mention later and the publicity this case has attracted."

"I have put it as strongly as I can and I ask you to note my words carefully and seriously."

The judge said that everyone, including the defendant, had felt some sympathy for the little girls who had to give evidence.

He added: "I ask you to put away from your mind emotions and suspicions and try this case on the evidence. Emotions and suspicions will not help you one jot."

On the question of the evidence from police officers at the pool, the judge said: "The officers had denied comparing their recollections. It is a matter for you what you make of that."

The evidence was that there was no collaboration, but if the jury found the evidence was tainted then it must approach that evidence with the greatest possible caution.

"Only if you are satisfied that a witness is honest and correct should you give weight to their evidence," Judge Lockett said.

He said that if the jury was sure of Mr Adamson's guilt it could convict him.

"If you are sure he is innocent it follows that you must acquit him, but if you are not sure of his guilt, your duty is plain. Your duty is, you must acquit him."

On the question of indecent assault, he told the jury that to touch the girl indecently Mr Adamson would have to have a clear intention in so doing.

The judge told the jury that the prosecution case was that the incidents were "not an innocent escapade".

He said: "But that is a matter for you whether you draw that conclusion. You have to be sure weighing all the evidence up that it does drive you to that conclusion before you can draw it."

"I must give you a careful and clear direction and a serious warning. The evidence of the first girl is unsworn evidence and you have to decide what weight you would give to that evidence."

On the evidence of Det Con Maurice O'Neill, the judge referred to the incident when he and a policewoman said they saw Mr Adamson put his thumbs into a little girl's swimming costume.

"There have been minutes, nay an hour, spent in this court considering that movement," the judge added.

This movement lasted 15 seconds at the most, and more probably 10 seconds, according to the evidence, the judge said. "This is a very short time. I ask you to bear that in mind."

"Anyone can put a nasty view on anything if they are so minded. The evidence points to the defendant playing and enjoying himself, and the children enjoying themselves."

Buttons job for Will the Wisp tracker

By David Hewson

is Vac. The under-fives division of the *Radio Times* seeks an editor. Ability to write, type, and keep track of movements of Will o' the Wisp and Postman Pat distinct advantages.

The vacancy at the helm of *Will o' the Wisp* may not set Fleet Street alight, but it will be warmly welcomed by a section of the nation's middle-class mothers. Since the weekly magazine came into being a year ago, its circulation has risen to nearly 100,000 on the basis of nearly 200,000 copies of when any-viewers can tune into adventures of Morph, Leon Street, and other BBC children's programmes.

Lynn Williamson, the chief editor, is returning to native New Zealand, and chief, Mr Dennis Hooper, editorial director of *Polystyle Publications*, hopes her replacement will be someone with a teaching background to instill the magazine's educational aspects.

Mr Hooper becomes ruffled he hears *Buttons* described as a comic. Since *Polystyle*, of British Electric Tractors, already owns two real ones, he feels qualified to own the difference.

"The children's weekly market has not changed much in 20 or 30 years, except that a lot of the stuff being produced is not as good as it was 20 years ago," he said.

At 24p a copy, it is only a penny cheaper than the *Radio Times*, which includes the programme details in a daily less colourful form. *Buttons* is mostly written by people who produce the programmes for the BBC's children's programmes featured in its pages. In return, *Polystyle* pays the BBC a fee for using programmes.

40% of brides accept danger of divorce, survey shows

By David Nicholson-Lord

New evidence of the way divorce is eating into the fabric of British life comes today in a survey showing that more than 40 per cent of brides accept that their marriages may not last for ever. Fewer than a tenth will be virgins when they marry.

The findings emerge from a survey of *Wedding Day* magazine readers, largely youthful ingenues who might be expected to take a rosy and traditionalist view of matrimony.

Almost all are marrying for the first time, two-thirds still live with their parents and 92 per cent are having a white wedding. Yet 41 per cent accept the possibility that their marriages may not be permanent.

Important differences were also disclosed between the attitudes of virgins and non-virgins and the success of parents' marriages also coloured views.

Forty-two per cent of non-virgins accept a possible marital break-up, as against 28 per cent among those who consider the parents' marriage a success, compared with 50 per cent among those who regard parents' marriages as having failed.

There was, however, no difference in the expectation of break-up between those planning weddings in churches and in register offices. That is possibly because only 34 per cent were motivated by religious views in planning a white wedding. "Tradition" was cited by another 34 per cent, parental wishes by 10 per cent and other reasons by the remaining 22 per cent.

The survey was based on 645 *Wedding Day* brides-to-be, with an average age of 22, and the magazine is concerned to emphasize the more reassuring findings. In 88 per cent of the impending marriages, the man proposed, and in 17 per cent of cases that took place either a romantic dinner or with the male on bended knee - the two most favoured situations.

Only a fifth of brides had been living with their grooms and the most popular reason for marriage, favoured by 42 per cent, was security and commitment. According to the magazine, the attitudes disclosed by the survey are surprisingly conservative and romantic.

Nevertheless 72 per cent are in favour of pre-marital sex, 15 per cent think it is up to the individuals and only 7 per cent are against it.

But most brides will be doing the traditional household chores; 78 per cent said they will be doing most of the cooking and 91 per cent of grooms will do most of the cooking.

New ruling may give parents cane options

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A consultative paper giving parents the right to contract out of having their children caned at school is expected to be published this week, 18 months after the European Court of Human Rights ruled on the issue.

Publication of the paper, which will have to be followed by legislation, represents the minimum the Government action to meet the European Court's ruling. It was condemned immediately as fatuous and unjust by STOPP, the anti-beating pressure group.

The Department of Education and Science confirmed yesterday that consultation would be only on the question of how to implement a contracting-out clause and not on whether contracting out is the right way to meet Strasbourg's judgment.

The judgment centred on the limited question of whether children could be beaten against their parents' philosophical convictions because in the two cases last year neither of the boys had been beaten.

However, parents had expressed the desire that they should not be beaten and their sons were suspended from school when they refused to accept the tawse, a leather thong applied to the hand in Scottish schools.

Mr Tom Scott, of STOPP, said yesterday that it was stupid of the Government not to ban the cane altogether in England and Wales because within three years the European Court would tell the United Kingdom to do so.

Lord Mackay, the Scottish Lord Advocate who argued last year's *Cosans and Campbell* cases in Strasbourg on behalf of the United Kingdom Government, said contracting-out was no solution.

Child rescued

Fabio Lambertini, aged three, was rescued by firemen yesterday after he climbed 20ft scaffolding on a half-built house near his home in Clevedon, Bristol, and fell into a first floor room.

Man 5 days in car boot

By Our Staff Reporter

A postman was recovering in hospital yesterday after spending five days trapped in the boot of his car in north-east London.

Mr Jeffrey Pottle, aged 26, was released by a policeman who became suspicious about the car parked in a lay-by at Waltham Forest and opened the boot.

"He appears Mr Pottle climbing into the boot last Wednesday, closed the lid and could not get out," a police spokesman said. "We have no idea why he climbed in."

He added that while he was trapped, the car was broken into and a coat stolen. Thousands of people are believed to have passed the vehicle which was parked near a popular spot for visitors to the forest.

Mr Pottle was described as being weak but able to stand after he was helped from the car. He was taken to St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, and then transferred to Claybury Psychiatric Hospital.

A colleague of Mr Pottle's at South Woodford post office said they had thought he was ill after he complained last Wednesday morning that he was feeling unwell and was going home.

Jail governor tells of threats to kill him

Mr Gerald Schofield, aged 42, assistant governor of Parkhurst Prison, told Isle of Wight magistrates yesterday that he was tied up and held hostage for 28 hours at the top-security jail by two prisoners, armed with knives, who threatened to kill him. The prisoners eventually gave themselves up and Mr Schofield was released unharmed.

The prisoners, John Thomas Bowden, aged 26, and James McCaig, aged 27, are charged with unlawfully imprisoning Mr Schofield and threatening to kill him.

Mr Graham Grant-Whyte for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that during the period of negotiations Bowden set a deadline of two and a half hours, after which Mr Schofield would be killed.

Later the prisoners said that every half hour that elapsed after the deadline a wound would be inflicted on him. At one time Bowden called-out: "I am serving a life sentence with a 25 years recommendation, so I have nothing to lose."

Mr Schofield said that after he had told McCaig his parole application had been rejected, McCaig returned to the governor's office while he was interviewing Bowden and pushed furniture against the door. "Bowden got up and took hold of me. I shouted no, no, don't be silly."

"They tied me hand and foot with strips of sheeting and put me in a room. Next I remember Bowden coming the *Daily Mirror* and having a conversation about prison service injustices, according to his point of view. He also phoned prison officials and told them if any attempt was made to break into the room I would be killed."

Mr Schofield agreed that he talked about personal matters with the prisoners sometimes, about wives and families.

The hearing continues today.

Cancer rate 'average' at nuclear site

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Deaths from cancer among workers at British Nuclear Fuels at Sellafield (formerly Windscale) in Cumbria, are no greater than among the population in general, the company claimed yesterday.

Conclusions are based on an analysis of recorded death certificates of 11,500 male workers and former workers at the waste nuclear fuel reprocessing plant between 1948 and 1980. In the period there were 400 deaths from cancer, and this Mr Peter Mummery, director of health and safety for the company said, was slightly lower than might be expected among such a group on the basis of national figures.

He said the small number of deaths from conditions such as leukaemia, bone and thyroid cancers and multiple myeloma, which were regarded as particularly susceptible to radiation, were also in line with the pattern of disease in the population in general.

Six cases in which compensation had been paid, totalling £200,000, were special circumstances. Although the cause of the cancer was not known conclusively, radiation at work was one probability.

Police seek M6 witnesses in Caroline Hogg case

By Arthur Osman, Birmingham

Police investigating the murder of Caroline Hogg, aged 21, appealed to lorry drivers and motorists who were at the East service area on the M6 near Penrith, Cumbria, on the night of July 8 to contact them.

They said that three witnesses were asked to tell of a lorry driver who was in the area with a girl aged seven five and six and was seen for a lift south of the M6. The man and the girl had a standing near the sales desk between midnight and 2. The child appeared to be wearing a dark blue duffel coat and a hood up.

Police said they had ended roadside searches on the A6 near Twycross where the body of Caroline Hogg was found last week. In a 72-hour period since last Friday they had checked 4,378 cars but it was admitted, "We have no positive line of inquiry from this."

Two Scottish detectives who had planned to fly to West Germany yesterday to interview a German tourist who was in Portobello, Edinburgh, on the day Caroline Hogg disappeared, were delayed by legal procedures.

Det Chief Supt Brian Cunningham, who emphasized that Herr Fritz White was wanted only as a possible witness, said that "official procedures were necessary before Herr White could be approached."

In Loughborough, Leicestershire, an inquest on the child was opened yesterday and adjourned indefinitely.

Greenham slogan raid embarrasses ministry

The RAF Ministry of Defence police have launched an investigation into security at the planned cruise missile base at Greenham Common, Berkshire, after anti-nuclear slogans were daubed on two American aircraft there early yesterday.

A top secret plane, the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, and a KC-135 air-to-air tanker were parked on the airfield after the weekend air show at Greenham Common. The perimeter wire was cut on the south side of the base where the first of 96 cruise missiles are due to become operational in December.

The concrete missile bunkers are in a special security zone protected by two tall wire fences, topped by barbed tape.

The Blackbird, normally based at RAF Alconbury, Cambridgeshire, is equipped with cameras and sensors enabling it to look as far east as Poland, from a flight path along the East-West frontier.

Security at the base, where 1,500 United States Air Force personnel are stationed, is handled by Ministry of Defence police, RAF police and United States field security police.

Seven women were taken to Newbury police station yesterday and charged with criminal damage. They were bailed to appear in court on August 18.

The MoD is clearly embarrassed about the daubing incident, which happened despite a tightening of security.

But it was pointed out in Whitehall that many more would be needed to guard every foot of the 9½-mile chain-link fence round the airfield. A much tougher line is expected once the first cruise missiles arrive.

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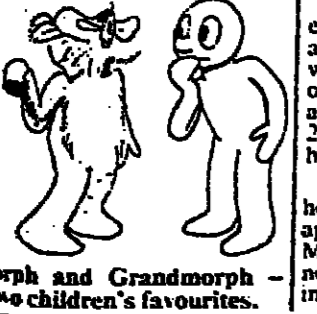
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Lawson forced to make statement on share sale

BP SHARES Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the Commons that he intended to raise £500m by the sale of a further tranche of shares in BP.



Lawson: There are precedents Smith: Lamentable record

capital that long term strategy is not damaged. Mr Lawson: I agree. During questions to Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, earlier in the day, Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab) asked Mr Walker to deny the front page story in The Times that the Chancellor was about to finance further sales of publicly-owned assets.

MPs on why they should not take a holiday

SUMMER RECESS The House should not disperse for the summer recess until it had heard something from ministers about their attitude to a new, steady and sound organization called the Association of London Authorities.

Pressure for refund will be maintained

EEC BUDGET The Government was urged to stand firm in seeking full payment of the EEC budget refund when Mr Nicholas Ridley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, reported to the Commons on the EEC Budget Council in Brussels last week.

Peers to get higher expense allowance

HOUSE OF LORDS Proposals to increase peers' expense allowances and to give effect to ministerial salary increases of 4.7 per cent for ministers of state and 3.4 per cent for parliamentary secretaries were introduced by Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, and approved without discussion in the House of Lords.

Coal to stay main energy source

ENERGY Coal will continue to be the major source of fuel at least to the end of the century, Mr Giles Shaw, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said during a question time in the Commons.

Unemptied meters cause concern

The Government is to press British Gas over the problem of long delays in reading and emptying gas meters. MPs expressed concern during Energy questions in the Commons that the accumulation of money in unemptied meters increased the risk of bankruptcies.

Penrith Liberals launch final uphill push

By Philip Webster Political Reporter The Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance believes it has history on its side in predicting a fine result, and not discounting an upset, in this Parliament's first by-election, at Penrith and the Border on Thursday.

Alert for escaped tarantulas

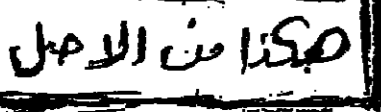
Police in Hull yesterday warned residents to be on the lookout for five dangerous tarantula spiders which vanished from the home of Mr Kenneth Maclean in Cardley Avenue, Hull, on Sunday. He kept them as pets.

Journalist is found hanged

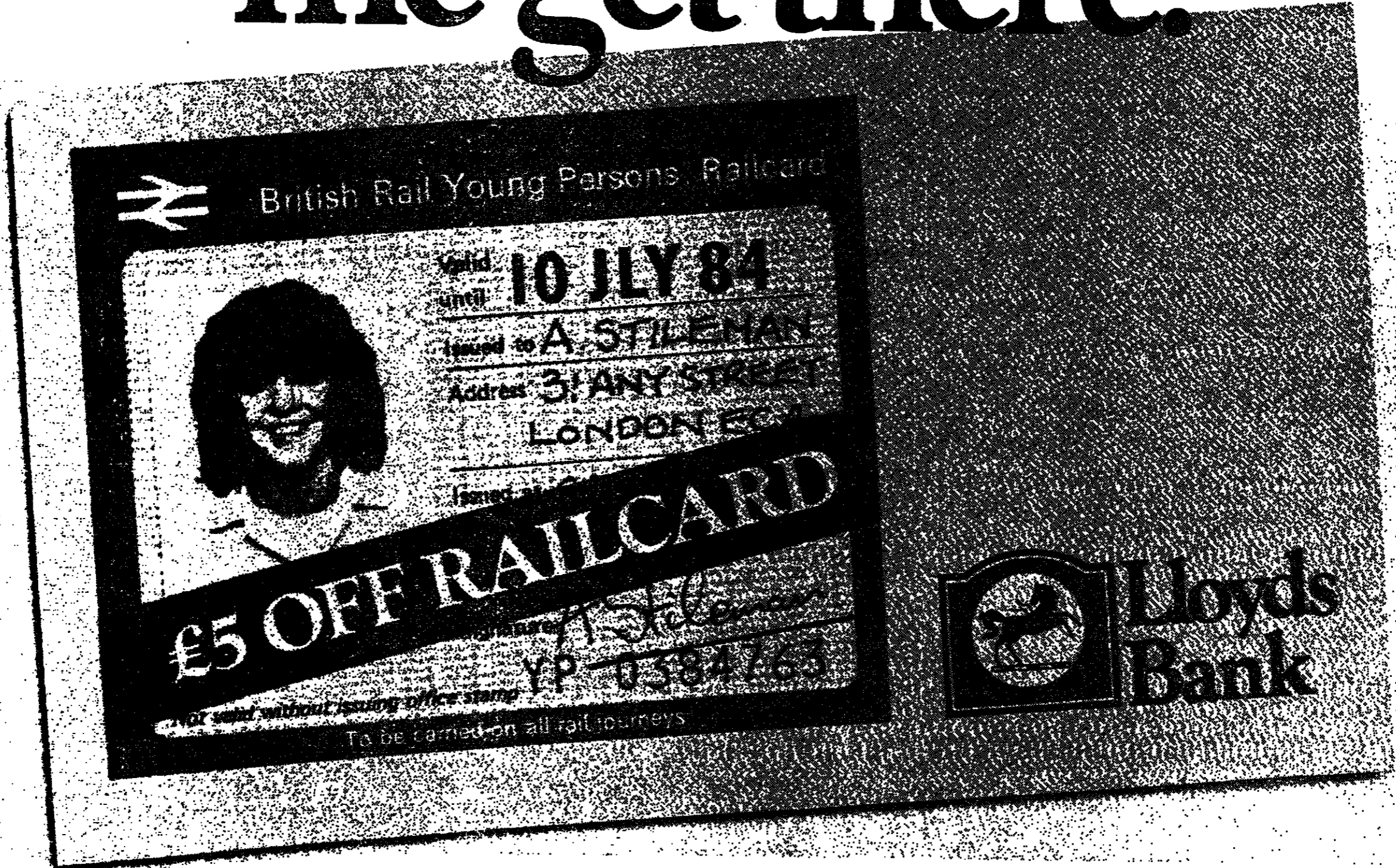
Mr Len Doherty, an award-winning journalist and author, was found hanged in the garage of his home in Hurfield Drive, Gleadless, Sheffield, on his 53rd birthday.

The efficiency unit changes gear

By Peter Hennessy This is a hall and farewell week in Whitehall. Yesterday the Rayner efficiency unit acquired a new management and came under the direct control of the Prime Minister.



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Cheysson to hear Cuban views while on Latin American tour

From Diana Geddes, Paris

M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, left Paris late last night for what is described officially as a two-week "voyage of rediscovery" to Central and Latin American countries, including Colombia, a member of the Contadora Group, and Cuba, which has not been visited by a French Foreign Minister since the Castro revolution in 1959.

M Cheysson's visit, which was arranged several months ago, comes at a time of sharply mounting tension in Central America. It will be the first time that he has visited the area since he accompanied President Mitterrand on an official visit to Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica in August, 1981.

This time he is due to visit Brazil, the biggest and most powerful Latin American country, from July 26 to 30. Bolivia, the only Latin American country with a democratically elected Socialist government, from July 30 to August 2; Colombia, which has always had close ties with France, from August 2 to 4; and Cuba, which has a special importance in the present Central American conflict, from August 4 to 6.

M Cheysson's visit to Colombia will come immediately after the visit by Mr Richard Stone, President Reagan's special envoy to Central America, who is currently in the middle of a week's trip to all four Contadora Group countries to discuss the "Declaration for peace in Central America" issued by the four presidents in Cancun on July 17.

The critical situation in Central America will also feature prominently in M Cheysson's talks with the Colombian government with which France's traditionally harmonious relations became somewhat strained after France's decision to sign an arms contract with Nicaragua in December, 1981.

No "offensive material" was included in the contract, but France's gesture of support for the left-wing Sandinista government was nevertheless fiercely criticized by several countries, including the United States. Two ferry boats were delivered to Nicaragua within the last few weeks as part of that contract. There is no question of any new arms contract at present, but France continues to maintain friendly relations with the Nicaraguan government.

An official French delegation visited Managua last week, to take part in the annual talks provided for under an agreement for economic, cultural and scientific cooperation, signed in 1982. The delegation was due to have been headed by M Christian Nucci, Minister for Overseas Development and Cooperation, but he was ill.

In Brazil, where there has recently been a clear movement towards greater democracy, France hopes to extend its existing economic cultural ties to include closer political links.

In Bolivia, one of the poorest Latin American countries to whom France owes a debt of gratitude for having expelled Klaus Barbie, the former SS officer now awaiting trial in Lille, accused of crimes against humanity, M Cheysson hopes to bring France's support to a still fragile fledgling Socialist government. The question of financial aid is expected to be at the top of the agenda.

Cuba is expected to be the most difficult stage of M Cheysson's tour.



Making the best of it: Life goes on for Beirut's citizens, regardless of fighting in the mountains, shelling of the city and almost daily car bombs. Damaged buildings can be seen behind the beach.

Managua warns US of 'apocalypse'

Managua (AFP) - Señor Tomas Borge, the Nicaraguan Interior Minister, has warned the United States of an "apocalypse" in Central America if the Reagan Administration failed to act "with prudence and wisdom" in the area.

Speaking at a ceremony on Sunday night marking the 300th anniversary of the birth of South America's great liberator, Simon Bolivar, Señor Borge said the dispatch of an American fleet to Nicaraguan waters as part of six months of joint manoeuvres with Honduras threatened not only Nicaragua but all Latin American nations.

He also attacked what he called Washington's "policy of symmetry" in comparing guerrilla activity in El Salvador with "counter-revolution" in Nicaragua.

There was no comparison whatsoever between the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) in El Salvador and former National Guardsmen of the ousted Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza who were guilty of "aggression" against the Managua regime, he said.

● SAN JOSE: Mr Richard Stone, President Reagan's special envoy to Central America,

appears to have failed a second time to meet Salvadorean insurgent leaders (Martha Murray writes).

After a weekend of confusion and secrecy, official sources close to Mr Stone in Panama said that he spent the weekend "on the beach" and had not met the leaders of the FMLN.

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Diplomats said the new bout of fighting also appeared linked as much to Iran's long-running conflict with Kurdish tribal rebels as to the war with Iraq.

● SAN SALVADOR: Eighty civilians were murdered in El Salvador last week, 32 of them by unidentified paramilitary squads, Mgr Gregorio Rosa, the Auxiliary Archbishop of San Salvador, said here on Sunday.

In his weekly sermon, he asked the Government to stop "violations" of people's homes which he said were carried out at night by armed men dressed in civilian clothes.

Iran digs in 'nine miles inside Iraq'

Tehran (Reuters) - An Iranian offensive into mountainous northern Iraq entered its third day yesterday with Iran claiming it had consolidated positions up to nine miles inside enemy territory.

Military analysts in London said Iran's offensive appeared limited in scope, in line with Tehran's declared policy of waging a war of attrition rather than seeking outright battlefield victory.

Iran's apparent aim, one said, was to keep Iraq on a war footing, maintaining pressure on the Iraqi economy and thus to grind Baghdad to an economic standstill and bring down the Government of President Saddam Hussein.

Diplomats said the new bout of fighting also appeared linked as much to Iran's long-running conflict with Kurdish tribal rebels as to the war with Iraq.



Iran's offensive into northern Iraq entered its third day yesterday.

Israel rules out building of 'Maginot line' in Lebanon

From Robert Fisk, Bissri, southern Lebanon

The River Awali, Israel's new defensive line in southern Lebanon, is scarcely a river at all, hardly even a stream but more a trickle of water that meanders over pebbles through a narrow gorge just south of the Chouf mountains. Despite their impending withdrawal to the river, the Israelis have not even begun to prepare military positions along the southern bank and Israeli officers now insist they will permit all civilians free passage across the river.

"It is not our intention to cut Lebanon in half," an Israeli major said yesterday as he stood on the Bissri Bridge, where the Awali runs down to the Mediterranean north of Sidon. "We are not building an electrified fence and we are not going to construct some sort of Maginot line. We can't possibly prevent all infiltration across the river but we can reduce it. The main thing is for us to get out of the Chouf mountains."

The continued absence of any military preparations here - the Israelis have yet to start up in the hills south of the Awali -

another question. Already there is evidence that guerrillas are taking weapons and ammunition south of Awali to avoid the expected increase in Israeli security along the line of the river. United Nations troops in southern Lebanon are now uncovering a large number of arms caches apparently hidden in preparation for the Israeli withdrawal.

While Israeli troops will be able to look down into the valley of the Awali from conveniently high mountains, the river is fordable at almost any point. Indeed at midday yesterday, the water at the Bissri bridge in the centre of the river while washing their family car.

If the scale of guerrilla ambushes does not decrease once the Israelis pull back, then new measures - including an electrified fence - will no doubt be considered again.

In fact, the Chouf mountains are still so near to the Awali that the anarchy from which the Israeli Army is trying to escape could yet spill across the river.

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Reagan woos blacks for 1984

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Suddenly the black factor is making itself felt in the limbering up for the 1984 presidential race. The Reagan Administration is polishing up its civil rights credentials and the Democrats are being teased by the question: will a black run for the presidential nomination?

Mr Reagan does not have much support among America's 27 million blacks. Civil rights leaders have described his record in respect of minorities as abysmal.

Mr George Bush, his Vice-President, was booted at the annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), in New Orleans, last week.

Recently the White House has made a number of positive civil rights moves. Government agencies have been told to give more help to minority businesses, an effort is being made to strengthen the housing laws and the Government has filed a desegregation suit against the state of Alabama.

Reagan officials are emphasizing the President's concern about civil rights, aware that they must tread carefully to avoid upsetting conservative Republicans.

Meanwhile, in contrast to the raspberry given to Mr Bush at the NAACP convention, there was a warm reception for Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic front runner.

His popularity puts into sharper focus the question of whether a black should seek the Democratic nomination. Some argue that a black candidate could cause confusion and drain support from a candidate who has good prospects and a sound civil rights record - Mr Mondale, for example.

Mr Benjamin Hooks, the NAACP director, in common with many blacks, feels that no black has a chance of getting the nomination and there is nothing concrete to be gained from a symbolic candidacy.

It is much better, he argues, to concentrate on getting blacks to the polls and working for the defeat of Mr Reagan, "who had been on the wrong side every civil rights question".

The difficulty in persuading blacks to register on the voting lists, and to vote, is considerable. Apathy has led to a decrease in black turnout, and black leaders are trying to boost political consciousness and increase registrations. Only three fifths of blacks are registered.

The other side of the candidacy debate is the strongly-held view that a black challenge could only bring benefit to the civil rights cause by exciting both black political awareness and press interest.

So far no black has offered himself as a contender, although the Rev Jesse Jackson, a civil rights veteran, disciple of Martin Luther King and the best known of black leaders, is seen as a possible runner. He has made no commitment, but by fuelling speculation he increases the interest in civil rights and the black vote.

Meanwhile, the NAACP, which has been in the vanguard of the civil rights struggle since its founding in 1909, is in trouble. It is being weakened by falling membership and bickering among its leaders. Some of its followers say it has lost its sense of purpose, and its critics question its relevance.

In part the fall in membership is related to the achievements of many of the movement's goals: it was founded to fight segregation, lynching and insult. But its decline also reflects a lessening of political interest among blacks over the last decade, a muting of the black voice. In the 1980 presidential election only half the registered blacks voted, although there have been better turnouts in city mayoral elections. This time, whether or not a black joins the presidential race, black leaders want the black vote to count for more. They are looking for a revival.

Doctors fail to save arm of golfer

Melbourne - Doctors have failed to save the right arm of Jack Newton, aged 33, the Australian golfer, which was severed when he walked into the spinning propeller of a light aircraft at Sydney airport on Sunday night (Tony Duboudin writes). A seven-and-a-half hour operation ended unsuccessfully early yesterday.

Mr Newton may also lose the sight of his right eye and a spokesman for the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney said that he had suffered abdominal injuries. Last night he was still critically ill.

The accident occurred when he was hurrying to board the aircraft on his way home to Newcastle from Sydney, where he and some friends had travelled to see an Australian Rules football match.

Lawyer had two Sam missiles

Islamabad (AFP) - Pakistani martial law authorities have seized two Sam surface-to-air missiles from a lawyer's office in Lahore.

The Associated Press of Pakistan news agency, quoting an official communique, said the missiles were found at a barrister's chambers in Faridkot.

Second twin born safely

St Louis, Missouri (AP) - A woman, who miscarried one of her twin babies three and a half months ago, has successfully had the second twin, a 6lb 14oz baby.

Her doctor said the case was unique in the United States. Only one similar one existed - a German woman gave birth to a twin in 1978, 65 days after the first was delivered.

Sea hitchhikers

Copenhagen (AP) - Thirteen people are to appear in court after three of them hitched a ride from a passenger ferry to pull them on waterskis across the strait between the Danish islands of Zealand and Funen. Police said it was an advertising stunt.

Dhaka pledge

Dhaka, (Reuters) - General Hossain Muhammad Ershad, Bangladesh's military ruler, said he will restore the constitution and hold national elections by March 1985. He declared martial law when he deposed President Abdus Sattar in March, 1982.

Horses rescued

Fiber, Austria (AP) - A stable at the Lippizener stud farm was damaged by fire here yesterday but the horses were rescued unharmed. Eight mares and 31 foals died in an epidemic this year.

Pipeline ready

Moscow (AP) - The Soviet portion of the pipeline due to take natural gas from Siberia to West Europe was completed yesterday, Tass said. The whole pipeline is expected to be finished before the year ends.

Tunisians jailed

Tunisia (AFP) - Twelve people accused of setting up a revolutionary movement were jailed here for up to 10 years each with hard labour for plotting terrorists activities.

Azores delay

Lisbon (AFP) - Negotiations for the renewal of US military rights at the Lajes base in the Azores are deadlocked, the Azores delegation reported.

Border escape

Hanover (Reuters) - A 23-year-old East German soldier fled to the West after crossing security barricades, West German border guards said.

Lively debate expected at church council

From John Best, Ottawa

Nearly 4,000 world Christian leaders have gathered in Vancouver for a wide-ranging assembly of the World Council of Churches that could prove to be a highly provocative gathering.

Subjects from nuclear disarmament to Christian unity will be discussed at the three-week meeting, which was opened officially on Sunday by Edward Schreyer, the Canadian Governor-General.

The Council, representing 300 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches with about 450 million members, has been condemned by some critics in recent years.

Five years ago it donated \$35,000 (£56,000) to a Zimbabwean liberation group and two years ago it gave \$125,000 to the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo).

Gemayel presses for a referendum

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon yesterday renewed his call for a referendum, under the auspices of the United Nations, to determine the views of Lebanese in the Israeli and Syrian-occupied zones towards the "legitimacy" of his Government.

He was speaking during a meeting at the Elysée Palace with President Mitterrand. He was on his way home from the United States.

"In those parts of the country where the Lebanese Army is, freedom and democracy are assured 100 per cent", Mr Gemayel said after the meeting, which was held at his request. "In those parts which are under foreign occupation, there is repression and the gagging of all national voices." Mr Gemayel first called for a referendum in the occupied zones soon after his election in September.

The question of an increase in the multinational peace-keeping force, to which France has contributed 2,000 men, had not been brought up as such during his conversation with Mr Mitterrand, he said.



Elysée meeting: M Mitterrand with Mr Gemayel (right).

Nurse jailed for murder freed because of cancer

Delhi (AFP) - A former Canadian nurse serving a life term for murder here has flown home after the Supreme Court granted her a one-year release for treatment of advanced ovarian cancer, reliable sources said yesterday.

Marie Andrée Leclerc, aged 37, convicted with a Frenchman for the murder of an Israeli tourist in 1976, left for Levis, Quebec, over the weekend.

Miss Leclerc was set free by the Supreme Court last Thursday after an Indian medical expert confirmed she was suffering from cancer of the ovary in the secondary stage.

Announcing the move, the judge said: "She was punished with imprisonment for life by the courts; but nature has

punished her more severely." There was no cure for cancer at this stage, he said, and even the best treatment in India would only prolong her agony.

Her release was based on the condition that she promised to return to India within a year after her departure and that she report to the Indian High Commission in Canada every three months.

The court also ordered that a surety deposit of 150,000 rupees (about \$10,000) put up by two Canadian missionaries in India be forfeited if she failed to return after a year.

Both she and her French accomplice, Charles Gurnuk Sobhray, have other cases of cheating, forgery and abetting murder pending against them.

EEC clash on herring quotas

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Highly controversial new figures for dividing up the herring in the North Sea were put before EEC fisheries ministers when they began a two-day meeting in Brussels yesterday. They offered Britain and Denmark scarcely half the tonnage each was seeking and all but wiped out the amount for Belgium.

The figures were worked out over the past 10 days by a group of experts drawn from each member state. But even the basis chosen for calculating the figures was contested hotly by ministers from many countries when the meeting began.

Fixing the herring catch has become the key to agreement on quotas for all fish in Community waters this year. The failure to reach a compromise has meant there is now a total ban on herring fishing in the North Sea, which in turn means that Norway - which is affected by the ban - is considering excluding EEC boats from its waters.

The figures put to ministers yesterday would give Britain only 23.23 per cent of the catch, compared with the 35 per cent it was seeking and the 26.11 per cent it was offered at the beginning of the month. Denmark, on the other hand, is being offered 22.11 per cent compared with 9 per cent at the start of the month. But this falls far short of the 40 per cent it has been demanding.

Australia accuses six of plot

Melbourne (AFP) - Six alleged mercenaries are to be prosecuted on charges of plotting to overthrow the government of the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean, it was announced yesterday.

The decision of Senator Gareth Evans, the Australian Attorney-General, was announced when three of the men appeared in a Magistrate's court charged with breaches of the Foreign Incursions Act.

Mr William Lugg, Mr Dieter Burjevic and Mr John Meyer were arrested on board the yacht Sinbad in Portland harbour on Australia's southern coast in March.

The federal police said that the men were planning to sail to Reunion island in the Indian Ocean, where they would pick up weapons, explosives and troops. They would then sail to Grande Comore, the biggest of the Comoros Islands, and attempt to overthrow the Government of Mr Ahmed Abdallah.

Three other men have been charged in Australia with taking part in the alleged coup. Mr John Pilgrim, a British citizen and unemployed merchant seaman, was due to appear in court in Perth later yesterday while Mr Edward Greengrove and Mr Frederick Patrick had already been released by magistrates in Perth, who ruled that the Attorney-General has delayed too long in deciding to prosecute. They will now be charged again.

Indian MPs in riotous assembly

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The monsoon session of the Indian Parliament got off to an appropriately stormy start as members held up the business of the Lok Sabha (lower house) with noisy protests, and Opposition members of the Rajya Sabha (upper house) staged a melodramatic walk-out because they were not able to have a debate they wanted.

While a sudden downpour outside the colonnaded Parliament House drenched listeners, members inside managed to raise all current matters of dispute between the Government and the Opposition in the course of the first few hours of the sitting. This was despite the fact that the lower house, was adjourned without conducting any business save the swearing in of new members and the paying of tributes to a former Speaker who has just died.

While a new National Conference member from Jammu and Kashmir was called to be sworn in, a

Congress (I) MP ran in front of him and tried to garland him with a necklace of forged ballot papers. Bedlam broke out, which took several minutes to die down.

While tributes were being paid to the late Speaker, one Opposition member managed to cause some anger by bringing in the Punjab dispute on the ground that the dead man was a Sikh and a former member of the Akali Dal party.

The institution of President's rule in Pondicherry was the cause of the walk-out in the upper house. An immediate outburst from the Opposition parties failed to draw an emergency debate. They stalked out - not, it is expected, for the last time this session.

The Opposition was more successful in obtaining a "call-attention" debate on the row between the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and All-India Radio which had refused to let

him broadcast about the government workers' strike which is paralysing his administration.

On Punjab, the Government attempted to take the wind out of the Opposition's sails by having the Home Minister make a statement before the other parties could force a debate.

But the biggest upset of the day was something much closer to MPs' hearts. For the first time they were required to produce identity cards as they came into the Parliament building.

This proved such an affront to their dignity that though the Speaker of the Lok Sabha said many times that he would reconsider the security rules and abide by any decisions of the house, he was unable to make himself heard for many minutes as virtually the entire Opposition was on its feet, yelling at him.

Armenian world congress Terror and the political war

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Armenian world congress just ended in Lausanne reflected an ambivalent attitude towards terrorism.

There was outright condemnation of what was termed "blind violence", as typified by the Orly airport bomb outrage.

But the congress charter adopted on Sunday at the end of the four-day meeting - specifically speaks of "struggle in all its forms".

The congress, indeed, heard one speaker assert that the assassinations of Turkish diplomats by Asala (the Armenian Secret Army of the Liberation of Armenia) had served to bring the Armenian problem back to public attention after being dormant for half a century.

Elsewhere in the congress declaration setting up an Armenian national council, Armenians are exhorted to use "every political and diplomatic means to secure recognition of the Armenian people's inalienable rights and for the liberation of its territories occupied by Turkey".

At least 200 participants had been expected but the Orly bombing caused many cancellations, particularly on the part of US and French Armenians. Among the 70 who did attend were several members of traditional Armenian parties on a private capacity.

Eight Turkish journalists were initially regarded with suspicion and hostility, but later found themselves sitting down to talk with congress participants.

The Armenian national council has the self-imposed task of trying to speak on behalf of the three million Armenians scattered across five continents - 600,000 of them in the United States.

TEHRAN: - The whole street in front of the French Embassy in the centre of Tehran was closed off by police yesterday after Sunday night's bomb attack on the trade mission, claimed by an Armenian guerrilla group (Reuters reports). The suspect, who has not been named, was arrested by the Dutch police at Almclo last Friday.

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US transports fly in aid for Habré offensive against rebels

N'djamena (AFP) - The first of six C141 Starliner transports of the United States Air Force arrived in N'djamena yesterday with a dozen unarmed Jeeps, a water tank and food rations.

The flight came after the July 10 announcement by Washington that it was providing \$10m (£6.4m) worth of aid to the Chad Government of Mr Hissène Habré in his fight against the Libyan-backed forces of his ousted predecessor, Goukouni Oueddeï.

First out of the aircraft were 10 men, who set up a small command post to communicate by satellite with the Sixth Fleet, raising off Libya, in the Gulf of Gine.

Sources said the Americans are taking precautions against possible intervention against the airfield by Libyan fighters. These included a radar aircraft in patrol for the three days in which the Starliners will be staying in N'djamena, and fighters on stand-by on Sixth Fleet aircraft.

Yesterday, the C141 kept its engines running as Chadians edged to unload the cargo, which the United States ambassador to Chad, Mr Peter Hoffa.

Mr Hissène Habré, the Chad Information Minister, said a second aircraft was due in the day. A United States source said the aircraft were flying from America.

N'djamena basks in confidence

On just about every wall in the capital, there are posters of Mr Habré, with slogans in French and Arabic exhorting the populace to support the struggle against the insurgents.

The posters show the president in fatigues as a guerrilla leader, in a dark suit as a statesman and in caftan and kullep as a devout Muslim.

Western diplomats describe him as a charismatic leader who is personally responsible in part at least for the recent successes of his forces in turning back the Libyan-supported insurgents of Mr Goukouni.

A week ago, as Mr Habré's forces were reported to be driving the rebels out of

Abché, more than 400 miles from here, and pursuing them northwards, the President was said to be on the scene, overseeing the counter-offensive.

Last week, his troops were skirmishing with rebels on the outskirts of Fada, 560 miles north-west of N'djamena, in an apparent prelude to pushing north-westward. Mr Habré was again said to be with his troops, presumably at a base in the eastern part of the country.

The oasis of Oum Chalouba, which his forces recaptured from the insurgents, is reportedly being turned into a well-stocked base for continuing the counter-offensive.

The capital, meanwhile, seems enveloped in a mood of confidence that government troops will soon be battling the rebels for control of the northern town of Faya-Largeau, which fell to the insurgents on June 24. Residents here who this month were afraid the rebels might have driven towards the capital from Abché, the southernmost point of their advance, seem relaxed once more.

Diplomats suggest that the President's forces could overtake themselves, just as the insurgents did in their drive from Faya-Largeau to Abché. The insurgents' drive faltered when it was beset, far from its supply bases, by swift, determined attacks by government troops.

A main topic of discussion here has been the extent of involvement by foreign military personnel in the hostilities in this country of 4.4 million people. A week ago, officials exhibited a captured soldier whom they identified as a Libyan. They were seeking to support the Government's frequent allegations that large numbers of Libyans are fighting alongside the insurgents.

The captured soldier said that such support for the rebel forces was being provided by up to 1,500 Libyans and by 3,000 African members of the Islamic Legion of Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

French press accounts said there were 20 French and Belgian mercenaries aiding the government forces.

Good mood prevails at Hongkong talks

Peking (AFP) - Britain and China resumed talks on the future of Hongkong yesterday, two weeks after the latest round of discussions began. A statement is to be made tomorrow.

The statement should be made by the Chinese Foreign Ministry on behalf of both delegations and should announce the dates of the next round expected within the next two months.

The seven-member Chinese delegation is led by Yao Guang, First Deputy Foreign Minister, and Sir Percy Cradock, the British Ambassador to China.

The two sides met in the presence of 50 journalists, photographers and television cameramen, most of them from Hongkong.

The atmosphere was relaxed and delegates exchanged jokes for a few minutes while journalists were allowed inside the meeting room, which has a large picture of the house in Shaoshan, central China, where Mao Tse-tung was born.

In Hongkong, the *Ta Kung Pao* daily, which is close to Peking, forecast that a "reasonable and honourable" solution would be found for Hongkong in the next few months. China has said it means to resume sovereignty over the British Colony.



Rose Kennedy being presented with a cake on her ninety-third birthday by her daughter, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, with her son, Senator Edward Kennedy, and daughter, Jean Kennedy Smith, looking on at her Massachusetts home.

Police say abandoned baby is Coloured

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

Lise Venter, the baby found abandoned in the open veld wrapped only in two thin blankets and a brown bag, has been "scientifically determined" by the South African police to be of "mixed race".

Major H. V. Haynes Pretoria

Police headquarters said the test of racial identity had been carried out only to help the police in tracing the parents of the abandoned child, who is less than three weeks old. It was not yet an official racial classification.

The police described as "pure speculation" suggestions in the local press that Lise - the name was given to her by staff at the

hospital to which she was taken after being found - could have been abandoned by a white woman fearful of prosecution under the Immorality Act, which prohibits sexual relations between whites and blacks.

Under the Population Registration Act everyone born in South Africa has to be assigned to one of three broad race groups - Whites, Coloured

(mixed-race) and Africans (blacks of Bantu origin), Indians, Chinese and a number of other ethnic minorities are regarded as separate subdivisions of the coloured group.

The normal test-of-race at birth, which is carried out by the Department of Internal Affairs, is the race of the father. The next most important criterion is appearance.

Socialists in France hit back at press baron

From Diana Geddes Paris

The Government has decided to join battle against France's most powerful press baron, M Robert Hersant, who through the columns of his 19 newspapers and some 50 periodicals has kept up a constant barrage of fierce attacks against the Socialists ever since they took power just over two years ago.

The Government is to prosecute the management of *Figaro*, France's leading right-wing daily and star of the Hersant empire, for contravening the law on price controls after M Hersant's decision to defy a government ruling banning a cover price increase from 3.70 franc (about 30p) to 3.80 francs.

In an announcement at the weekend, the Government explained that it had decided to freeze the cover price of both *Le Figaro* and *France-Soir*, the popular Paris evening paper also owned by M Hersant, and to cut the price of the Saturday edition of *Le Figaro* that comes with a colour supplement from 11.50 francs to 10.50 francs, because the Hersant group had failed to respect a national agreement on newspaper price increases signed by newspaper owners and the Government last November. The Government has the power to control prices under a 1945 law. Infringements carry penalties of a fine up to 200,000 francs and up to two years' jail.

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Prisoners of conscience



Somalia: Arteh Ghalib

By Caroline Moorehead

Omar Arteh Ghalib, a former Foreign Minister, is one of seven MPs of the country's ruling party, the Somali Revolutionary Social Party, being held incommunicado without trial since June, 1982.

He is believed to be in solitary confinement in Laba, a town near Baidoa, where conditions are extremely harsh.

There have been frequent allegations of ill-treatment and even of prisoners there.

The authorities have given no details so far of the basis for the charges levelled against the seven, but they were "endangering the independence, unity and security of the state".

But they were reported to have been arrested soon after trying to organize Central committee members to vote against the re-nomination, for a further term, of President Siad Barre. All seven are believed to have been critical of his rule of government policies.

Mr Ghalib is 53, a graduate of Bristol University, and arrived with 12 children. At the time of his arrest he was first Deputy-Speaker of the people's National Assembly.

The charge of "conspiracy against the state" carries under national Security Law 54, a mandatory sentence of death if confiscation of property.

In Somalia the death penalty is used for a large number of offences including going on strike, sedition and "using violence to destroy the unity of the nation."

Mr Ghalib: in solitary confinement.

French keep hold on bridge lead

From Keith Stanley Wiesbaden

A resounding 18-2 lead against third-placed Germany gave France a commanding position in the Open European bridge championship in Wiesbaden.

In round 13 Britain defeated the holders, Poland, 12-8, then defeated Portugal 12-8 and in round 15 they lead Sweden by 46 IMPs at half-time.

The British women made an uncertain start in defence of their title with a narrow loss to round two, followed by a 17-2 win against Spain in round three.

Results round 13: Romania 12, France 8, Norway 20, Belgium 0, Finland 4, Sweden 16, Hungary 11, Israel 9, Netherlands 19, Portugal 1, Switzerland minus 2, Spain 20; Britain 12, Poland 8; Lebanon 1, Iceland 19; Turkey minus 2, Ireland 20; Austria 9, Yugoslavia 11; Luxembourg 12, Denmark 8; Italy 19, Germany 1.

Results round 14: Denmark 20, Romania minus 2, Norway 13, Hungary 7, Belgium 16, Finland 4; Yugoslavia minus 1, Luxembourg 20; Ireland 9, Italy 11; Iceland 8; Austria 11; Poland minus 2, Turkey 20; Spain 2, Lebanon 18; Portugal 6; Britain 12; Israel 10; Switzerland 10; Sweden 14, Netherlands 6; Germany 2, France 18.

Standings after 14 rounds: 1, France 219; 2, Belgium 185; 3, Italy 168; and Germany 168; 5, Sweden 157; 6, Poland 146; 7, Hungary 163; 8, Netherlands 160; 9, Norway 160; 10, Austria 157; 11, Ireland 149; 12, Lebanon 142; 13, Denmark 134; 14, Israel 124; 15, Britain 131; Romania 131; 17, Switzerland 128; 18, Luxembourg 112; 19, Turkey 102; 20, Iceland 94; 21, Portugal 90; 22, Spain 81; 23, Yugoslavia 80; 24, Finland 70.

Results women, round two: Switzerland 16, Sweden 6; France 14, Poland 6; Finland 20, Ireland 0; Britain 4; Spain 15; Netherlands 11; Israel 9; Israel 9; Germany 16.

Results women, round three: Sweden 20, Finland minus 4; Israel 1, France 19; Ireland 6, Netherlands 6; Spain 2, Britain 17; Poland 13; Italy 7; Germany 18, Switzerland 27.

Women's standings after three rounds: 1, Germany 47; 2, France 44; Britain 43; 4, Netherlands 41; 5, Poland 38; 6, Sweden 31; 7, Spain 26; 8, Switzerland 23; 9, Ireland 21; 10, Finland 18; 11, Italy 16; 12, Israel 6.

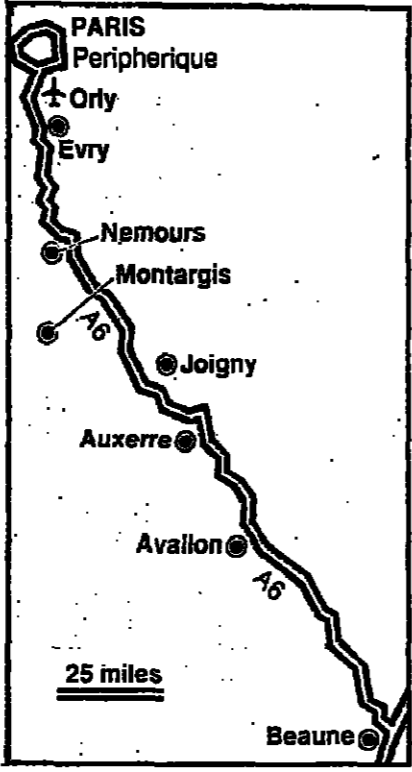
Uganda MPs given bail

Kampala (AFP) - Two Ugandan opposition MPs arrested here last Friday were released on bail the following day, Democratic Party officials said. They were held in connexion with dissident activities in the Luwero district north of Kampala.

In Geneva, the League of Red Cross Societies yesterday appealed for emergency funds to assist 60,000 Ugandan refugees uprooted by fighting between government troops and guerrillas.

Policing French motorways is more dangerous than quelling riots, according to officers of the force that does both.

Diana Geddes reports on the less well known operations of the men who wear the feared CRS badge



Captain Marthey, head of the CRS police in the southern sector of the A6 autoroute, mapped here; and, right, the autoroute squad at work at the scene of an accident

Life and death in the fast lane

Paris To most people, the CRS means the French riot police - those vicious-looking men behind helmets and riot shields, carrying automatic pistols, tear-gas grenades and batons, who bash students, farmers and other demonstrators over the head with the same apparent gay abandon.

Amazingly, the same CRS (Compagnie Republique de Sécurité) are also responsible for the nation's mountain rescue, beach safety, and autoroute security services. A CRS officer may be seen one day in full battle dress charging an inner city riot, and the next on a Mediterranean beach in bathing trunks leaping out through the surf to save a drowning child, or in uniform on a motorway giving first-aid treatment to the injured in a crash.

There were more than five million accidents on French roads last year, which left 13,000 dead and 320,000 injured - an average of 35 killed and nearly 900 injured every day. During the holiday rush - and that means now - the toll is much higher. Some ten million people are expected to take to the roads this coming weekend. France's death rate per road user per mile is two to three times as high as in Britain, the United States, Sweden and Japan.

I spent a day with the CRS autoroute patrol for the 70 miles of motorway in the southern sector of the Ile de France (Greater Paris) area. It is a particularly troublesome sector which includes Orly airport (the CRS autoroute police were very much involved in both the recent Armenian terrorist bomb attack at Orly, and the earlier Iranian hijacking); the Rungis meat and vegetable markets - the new Les Halles, which attracts hundreds of heavy goods lorries every day; and the famous A6 autoroute to the south. Along this the British, Dutch, and French pour in their search for the sun, and many of the worst accidents seem to occur here, including that involving two busloads of children near Beaune in which 53 people died.

I had chosen July 13 as the day on which to accompany the patrol as traffic was expected to be particularly dense that evening before the traditional July 14 long weekend. By 6.30 pm, more than 40 miles of traffic jams were being recorded on the computers in the CRS command post at Arcueil. To my slight surprise, however, Captain Daniel Marthey, the 35-year-old head of CRS autoroute police in

the southern sector, did not seem unduly concerned.

"We can do nothing about the jams," he explained. "In fact, we actually rather like them. They mean fewer serious accidents. People are moving too slowly to get badly hurt. The worst conditions are thunderstorms after a long dry spell, when the roads become like a skating rink as the first rain mixes with the oil on the surface, or after a snowfall."

All emergency calls in the Ile de France area, excluding Paris itself, go through the CRS command posts. Orange telephone boxes, placed at regular intervals of about a mile along the motorways, link the caller directly to the command post, which then alerts the fire brigade, breakdown, and ambulance services, advising them as to which route to take (the most obvious route may be blocked with traffic), and sending CRS motorcyclists to clear their way.

The national ambulance service, known as the SAMU (Service d'Aide Médicale d'Urgence), is a relatively recent innovation. "Up until ten years ago, it was the police who carried the injured to hospital. We killed people, we really did," Captain Marthey said. "The introduction of the SAMU has been a huge advance. The ambulances are always staffed by a doctor; many are like mobile hospitals, equipped with full life-support systems and now, within the last few months, they have brought in an ambulance-helicopter."

"We called out the helicopter last week to pick up an eight-year old boy, terribly injured in a road accident. It was there in three minutes; in another five minutes the boy was in hospital, being operated on."

"Going to an accident isn't funny. It was a terrible scene. Even the doctor was crying when I arrived, and I said to myself, 'that's not a good start'. People often think we're stone-hearted, but it's not true. I'll lie awake at night sometimes thinking about what I've seen. You don't lose your sensitivity on this job, but you learn to control your emotions."

Captain Marthey, a tall, athletic-looking man, smiled wanly as he relived those memories. We had come off the stiflingly hot, clogged motorway, and were sitting with Captain Francois Langros of the CRS Ile de France headquarters in the relative cool of the officers' dining room at the CRS Company Five base at Massy; drinking a chilled Beaune wine, and

eating a simple, but good five-course meal - jambon cru, crudites, steak, cheese, ice-cream. "We like to keep up our traditions of warm hospitality and a good table."

And what about their "bash-the-over-the-heads" image? How did that fit in? "It's good that people are a bit frightened of us," Captain Marthey replied. "The CRS here at Massy were called out last weekend to go to La Courneuve in the northern outskirts of Paris, where a demonstration over the death of Toufik Ouannes [the nine-year-old Algerian boy who was shot dead by an irate neighbour because he was making too much noise] was threatening to get out of hand. The local people heard we were coming, and everything quietened down. If we can preserve the image of the red devil, that actually helps us avoid violence."

Like all French police, the CRS are armed. How often did they use their guns? Unexpectedly, neither Captain Marthey nor Captain Langros had drawn their guns since leaving the officer's training school, and both had thought hard of the last occasion when any member of the CRS, including those involved in riot control, had used their weapons.

The seeming frequent and much criticized police bavures, or mistakes, involving the wrongful wounding or even killing of members of the public, were not the CRS's doing, they insisted. "You forget that you are wearing a gun," Captain Marthey commented. "I think that's as it should

be, otherwise you might be tempted to use it."

Both officers were agreed, that autoroute patrol work was much more dangerous than riot control or other law and order work. Guns could do nothing to help them, he said. Motorways were simply very dangerous places. It was for that reason that hitch-hiking was banned on motorways, for example. The public often seemed to be unaware of the dangers.

"You simply wouldn't believe some people's behaviour," Captain Marthey said. "I came across a man the other day who was changing his tyre in the fast lane of the motorway. He said he hadn't wanted to pull over on to a lay-by for fear of damaging his tyre! Every week, we have at least one call about someone driving at top speed down the motorway in the wrong direction. Sometimes they're drunk or have fallen asleep at the wheel, but quite often it's just for a dare."

"Whenever there's a serious accident, you'll always get some people who stop on the hard shoulder, blocking access to the emergency services, in order to take pictures of the carnage, before going contentedly on their way, happy to have a good souvenir of their holidays."

Captain Marthey is proud of the fact that the number of accidents involving injury or death in his sector has been brought down to under 300 a year. The vast majority of calls to his command post, which average 50 a day, involve breakdowns rather than accidents.

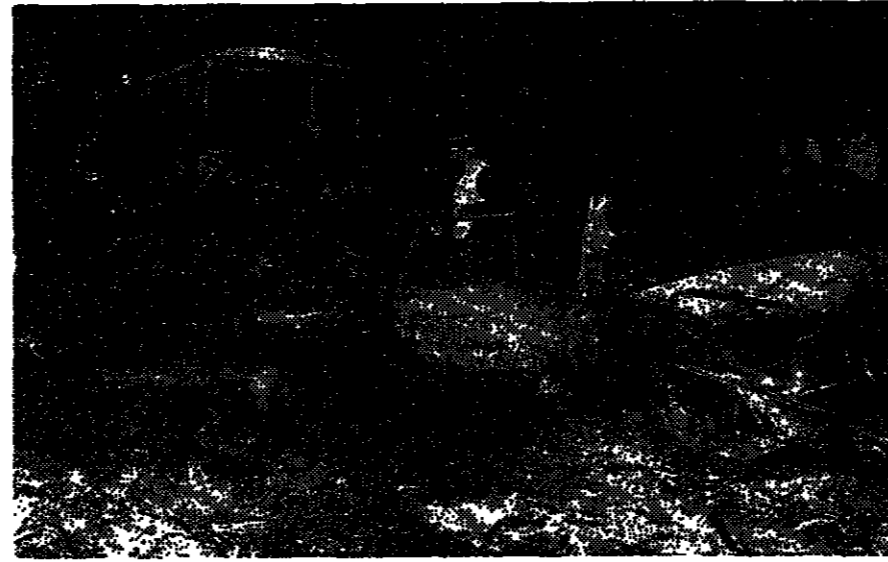
Another significant facet of the CRS's work is that involving *objets trouvés*, and not just inanimate objects: animals, for example, which are left abandoned in the middle of nowhere, by their owners, particularly at this time of year, before they go away on holidays; children, who are not infrequently literally forgotten by their parents after a stop at a service station or a lay-by; and even wives.

"We got a call from a woman who had been asleep in the back of a caravan. She had woken up when her husband, who was driving the car in front, stopped to look at something that had gone wrong with the engine. The woman took the opportunity to nip off into the bushes. When she came back, the car and the caravan had gone, and she was left stranded in nothing but her nightie. We eventually traced the husband nearly 300 miles further down the motorway. He hadn't even realized that his wife was no longer with him."

"Another time I found a *curé* with a young girl in the bushes, if you can call that an *objet trouvé*. He was very anxious that I shouldn't make a report. Then there were two lesbians making love in the back of a car which I had gone to investigate because it was so badly parked in the lay-by: it was I who was overcome with embarrassment, not them. And then there were the two prostitute hitchhikers..."

It was after midnight. Fireworks were exploding in the hot night air as the July 14 celebrations began, and still the traffic streamed on south. Captain Marthey had been speaking without a break for more than four hours. "Ah," he sighed contentedly. "The motorway is a world on its own. For me it's like a living being; sometimes it's asleep, sometimes full of life; always it's fascinating."

● Up to date information on road conditions and traffic flow, and advice on possible alternative routes throughout France, may be obtained through a 24-hour telephone service provided by the Centre Nationale d'Information Routière, Tel: Johnson 6076. More detailed information about conditions in the Greater Paris area may be obtained by calling the Regional Information Centre at 898 9218. These services are provided only in French. The national radio station France-Later (1829m) broadcasts two English-language news bulletins, including traffic information, each day throughout the summer, 9 am and 4 pm. Drivers who are not actually wishing to go into Paris are advised to avoid the city's "périphérique" wherever possible.



Coach carriage: 53 died in this crash on the A6 near Beaune last year

moreover... Miles Kington

Mills and Bomb

Men prefer facts while women prefer feelings, Rachel Billington once wrote; that is why the former read books about war and the latter read fiction, romantic or otherwise. And in her new book *Animals In War* Jilly Cooper confesses that although married to a publisher of 400 military histories, she had read fewer than half a dozen of them. "In the same way that men spurn novels, particularly romantic fiction, women tend to avoid war books, as being an exclusively guts-and-glory male province."

When two of our leading women writers combine to express the same thought, I tend to treat it as received truth. And then my mind wanders to the next question beyond, which is: if it is really true that there is a sharp divide between men's war books and women's romance, is there not some way in which I can make vast sums of money out of this discovery?

From there it is but a short step to the formation of a new publishing house which will issue novels for men and women - romantic military fiction! Moreover's new imprint, which is to be called Mills and Bomb, or perhaps Mills and Bang, will shortly be flooding bookshops with the initial titles, of which details now follow.

To Call Him Sir, by Angela Distaff.

When Robin joined the platoon, he had already heard the stories about Sergeant Withers. Tough, cynical, sadistic, they said. And yet there was some soft pool of hurt concealed in the sergeant's eyes, which told Robin that there was an altogether more complex person tucked behind those sergeant's stripes than the world knew of. "So you're bleeding Robin-bleeding-Darlington-Smythe, are you?" the sergeant said at their first meeting. "Well, we'll have those bleeding hyphens knocked out of you before you can say hunt-bait."

The tears clustered hot on Robin's eyelashes, beneath the whiplash of these cruel words. How I hate him, he thought. Yet before the war was very much older, the two men would find themselves mixed up in a circle of passion, carnage and ammunition shortage which would change both of them irrevocably.

Jungle Johnny, by Elena Samson.

Major-General Bridget Yates, of the Women's Royal Air Corps, was used to interrogating prisoners. But there was something unusual about the man they brought in one day - his crinkly laugh-lines, perhaps, the proud, uncrumpled look in his eyes or even the way he refused to speak no matter how hard she lashed him with her hand-bag. When he turned out to be Johnny Kapok, the famous roving American reporter, she had an uneasy feeling that their paths were to cross more than once in this hell without food or good cosmetics that women call war.

The Mountain Flower, by Iris Forrage.

A recon in war-torn Afghanistan was just another job to see TV cameraman Max Winton, or so he thought. But he had not reckoned on a meeting with a petite, sparkling Ludmilla, a runaway refugee from the occupying Soviet forces.

"You can hang around with us if you like," said Max gruffly, "as long as you don't mind carrying the spare camera and the batteries. And don't imagine you'll be getting a slice of our overnight allowances, my little Russian doll."

"Of course not, Max," said Ludmilla, playing with his ear-ring. She had not met men with ear-rings before, especially ones inscribed "BBC News Cameraman Do It Overnight". "Tell me, do you think I could get a job with your Central Office of Information when we get back to Britain?"

Yes? The COI? Back to Britain? Max thought of his boss at Wood Lane. Would he understand if he returned with a Russian crew member? More to the point, would his wife Theresa? Max decided there and then to ditch Ludmilla at the first opportunity. Little did he realize how signally he would fail, or indeed that there was now a tiny bug fixed to his ear-ring.

(Other titles in preparation: A Third World War Romance by Jean Hackett, Belfast Beauty by Della Driscoll, Yumping Into Passion by Petra Stanley, etc, etc.)

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research ROMAN STUDIES

Munich, was started in 1983; it has now reached the letter P, with N omitted. When Dr Johnson defined the lexicographer as "a maker of dictionaries, a harmless drudge," he didn't know the half of it.

Fallacy exposed

Did the Romans acquire their empire in a fit of absence of mind? It has often been held that they were not conscious imperialists; that though they liked loot, slaves and military glory, they constantly conquered foreign peoples without trying to consolidate their rule or their economic power.

In 1979, William V. Harris of Columbia University mounted a controversial challenge to this view. He argued that war was built into the Roman attitude to life; they knew that there were large profits to be made out of empire and their policies were openly expansionist. If successful commanders seem to have pulled their punches, it was because the governing oligarchy would not allow any individual to become too powerful or acquire too much prestige.

Now some new evidence has been thrown into the argument. It used to be said

that the Romans were not seriously involved in the Greek east before 200 BC. But an inscription from the Greek island of Chios published last year provides for the setting up of a festival of Rome and the honouring of Romulus and Remus; and the letter forms point to a date in the 220s. Some scholars have refused to believe it; perhaps, they say, the stonemason was a particularly old-fashioned character. No doubt the debate will continue.

Amo, Amas

The future of classical studies will depend largely on the strength of Latin in our schools and universities. Latin has had a modest revival in American high schools in the last few years; more surprising, this renaissance has been inspired by the severely utilitarian "back to basics" movement. A study by R. Masciantonio, an American sociologist, on programmes to teach Latin to inner city children indicates that their power to express themselves in English improved strikingly as a result; research in this country by David Corson suggests similar conclusions.

Richard Jenkyns

Statue find

Among recent finds at Baiae on the bay of Naples is a quantity of plaster statuary - a rare survival. The detail is of fine quality and it seems clear that these are casts of Greek bronze originals, probably for the copyists who made marble reproductions were big business in the Roman world; now we have new evidence of how the business was organized.

Drudgery

The year 1982 saw the completion, after 51 years, of the Oxford Latin Dictionary, now the biggest and best Latin-English dictionary in existence. But lexicographers do not face redundancy just yet. The immense *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*, based at



Syme's own book drew no explicit parallel with more recent times, but few of his first readers can have failed to think of Mussolini. In the age of Mao and Brezhnev the combination of monarchical self-advertisement and republicanism...

Augustus loses his reputation

The more we look at the Greek precedents, the more novel does Augustus's style of image building appear. Examining the evidence of architecture and inscriptions, Professor Fergus Millar drew a similar moral. When the ordinary citizen of Rome looked at the massive public buildings put up by Augustus to his own greater glory; when he cast his eye over Augustus's colossal mausoleum; when he turned to the list of the great man's deeds inscribed on bronze tablets beneath it; he just might not have been clever enough (Millar concluded) to realize that he was looking at a republican document.

Augustus (right) claimed to have restored the old constitution in 27 BC, but he emerged from this conference looking more monarchical than ever. Jasper Griffin, in a paper on Augustus's poets, pointed out how they differ from the third century Greek poets, with whom they have often been compared, when they address their master. Callimachus, at the court of the Ptolemys, can venture a risqué allusion to the king's relations with his wife (and sister); that would be unthinkable in Augustus's time. Instead the poets describe him as a semi-divine figure.

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SHORTS

All sorts of shorts are now an accepted part of summer in the city. Streamlined styles make for maximum exposure while the sun shines



Sports Shorts (top). Working out in the street is becoming commonplace. Joggers sprint in city streets and the public participate in open-air exercise classes. Cotton/lycra short shorts £19.95. Op-art top £22.99. In turquoise, cerise, aqua, white and black. By Tickets from Harrods; Lillywhites; Simpsons, Jervis; Night and Day Boutique, Edinburgh and Tickers, 90 High Street, Harrow, Middlesex (E1 p & p).

Action Shorts (above). Tailor-made for fast manoeuvres about town. Cuffed bermuda shorts £16.99 in white, navy, beige by Ally Capellino for Hearts of Oak from Harrods; Lucinda Byre, Liverpool. Ray-Ban 'Wayfare' sunglasses £27.50 from Whistles. Red mesh top, £4.95, and studded belt, Fenwick. Sailor cap £9.95 from The Hat Shop, 58 Neal Street, WC2. Chain bracelet, Detail. Spotted valise, The General Store, Covent Garden.

Wearing shorts to work is a new idea in this country. Down Under, tailored 'walk shorts' are everyday work wear for men. Here, men turn up at the office in their squash shorts during the heatwave. (Especially disconcerting are city gents' spindly white legs in scrubby gardening shorts and heavy black shoes on the 8.30 London-bound train. Girls who don't want to be told 'this isn't the beach, dear' should choose a well-cut pair of shorts. Long-line shorts in dark colours like navy are more acceptable for city life than beach styles.

Chic Shorts (top left). Crisp cotton shorts with side-buckles £20, ochre, white, black. Patched top £32, cream, black. Both from Whistles, 14 Beauchamp Place, SW3 and branches. Wooden necklaces £48.50 from Michaels. Fry, 47 South Molton Street, W1. Tan leather belt, Warehouse.

Cool Shorts (above). Side-slit shorts look young and fun for the bar or disco. Khaki hessian with beige suede trim £49. Safari-style top £36. By More and More from Studio 49, 49 Market Place, W1; Dash 55, Stevenson Street, Birmingham 2. Chain jewelry, Detail.

Sun Shorts (right). Lunchtime sunbathing in the park has become a national city pastime. Fresh lemon sweatshirt shorts £7.80. Lemon cotton tie-back top with lace spots £8.20. From branches of Banetton and Tomato. White wash £2.95. Michaels Fry, Plastic bottle £2.95. The General Store, WC2. Lace-ups £10. Meery's, 241 King's Road, SW3 and branches.



Zandra Rhodes is passionate about her garden and her work - at this time of the year in that order.

The creator of exquisite and ethereal chiffon dresses spends her spare time with her feet and hostas planted firmly on the ground. From the unpromising 15 foot square back yard of her west London home, she has fashioned a fairy tale garden as extraordinary as any of her works of art dresses.

"The thing that I find most amazing is that because I did all the wrong things accidentally, I have made it look so huge", she says. "I built these enormous steps in the smallest garden in the world and now I can climb up them like a very grand staircase."

The steps are the focal point of the garden and its first folly. They are covered in a mosaic of mirror glass, made by sculptor Andrew Logan - a personal friend and the creator of the striking Zandra Rhodes accessories.

Over the Cinderella staircase cascades a waterfall of greenery. "All the plants in this garden are green and white," she explains. "This white rose has taken over from the camellias and rhododendrons. I realized that the secret of growing things in a north-facing, sunless garden is to read up about the original environment of the plants. If they come from the Himalayas they are going to survive against my wall. I feel the same about the plants as I do about people who work in my business. If they don't perform well they are out."

Zandra admits that when she moved into the rambling four-storey house eight years ago, she had never nurtured anything but a plastic plant - mostly the arum lilies that she used in one of her best-known prints and that have become the Rhodes symbol.

Purist gardeners would be appalled to discover that the plastic plant is with her still - used along with the real thing. Here is an evergreen plastic fern among a clump of luxuriant stag horn ferns and papyrus; there is a variegated ivy draped across the plastic one that hugs an awkward drampipe.

"I can't bear to have a bald garden", she says blithely of this unorthodox mix of plastic and potting compost. "I try not to have things that burrow into the turfwork or make the wall damp."

The walls themselves have unexpected treatment. To the left of the narrow backyard are cockle shells (subverted from a fish restaurant) strung along the wall over a trellis that is backed with mirrored glass. To the right are Mexican caryatids, brought from a prop shop and made out of fibre glass - as realistic as the noble fibre glass blackmoors that guard the entrance to her sunken living room.

At the summit of the stairway to the sun, is another bit of Mexican party decor - a glass figure of the rain god Chac (who does not seem to have done a very good job of filling the rainwater butt which she reserves for her more important plants.)

The trees are kept in pots to ensure the right soil and watering conditions. In the

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Zandra's magic garden



Zandra Rhodes: plastic palm, rain god statue and a profusion of plants over the mirrored steps

garden there is a glowing red leaved acer and an American dogwood. ("I worked out that if the Americans had such terrible winters, it would stay alive in Nesting Hill.")

On the two flat roofs higher up the house are more trees - a collection of fruit trees that makes an urban orchard in the air, and a magnificent palm that does duty as curtains on the guest room balcony. That palm turns out to be a fake.

Zandra Rhodes holds her business together with a mixture of creative energy, design flair and crushing hard work. Her house and gardens are much the same, built on effort and enthusiasm rather than with money.

She now takes in visits to gardens as part of her work schedule. Manet's garden as a treat from Paris. Wisley for the old English roses on the way to a client's wedding. Her garden-

ing was self taught on an aeroplane from the Macmillan Pocket Encyclopedia of Indoor plants.

"I read it right through like a novel and had this sudden realization that plants can make the place look wonderful."

Will all this horticultural enthusiasm find its way into her work? That now includes a perfume (to be launched next year), knitwear for a Scottish

Photograph by Nick Briggs

FASHION FLASH

Terence Conran gave birth last week to his latest baby - the revamped, redesigned Mothercare range. While we were still watching the lively presentation and fashion show, another project-to-be was announced: a chain of early teen clothes from the Mothercare group, to be called NOW and opening with five test shops on October 1.

Conran called the Mothercare launch a 'progress report'. Suitably enough, some of the most obvious changes in design and emphasis came in the back-to-school clothes (unleashed in the shops the day that schools broke up for the summer). There are cheerily coloured shoe bags, satchels and sports bags, all shown with the clothes in a free leaflet. (The catalogue now costs 20p).

The general merchandise is colourful and simply designed, although the slide presentation photographed in the conceptual stages brought home how much thought and work has to go into apparently simple products.

The clothing has changed less than I expected, with the motif still rampant over everything from baby stretchies to track suits and the maternity wear very basic.

As a mother of sons, I think that boys are offered a puny selection. But some of the new girls wear is splendid, especially the Jogtogs separates in sweat-shirt fabrics and a colourful range of dance wear.

Sexy black bras, scanty French knickers and silky tuxedo suits were the curtain raisers to Marks and Spencer's first-ever formal fashion show for the press.

and grey jeans (£16.99) and this colour theme was carried through to classy grey leather trousers (£59.50).

I still find the women's tailoring slightly stodgy, but the country styles - for both sexes - are very stylish, with a selection of easy Aran knits for women and a man's green cord lumber-jacket (£39.95) that will certainly be bought by women. Acknowledging this transsexual trend, M and S showed their simple men's pyjamas and white towelling robes (£25) on their girl models, who looked far better dressed in their borrowed plumes than in their sexy scanties.

With 40 of his Japanese licences descending on London last week, Hardy Amies still found time to unveil his autumn/winter couture and boutique collections.

The day dress was the star of his new line, designed by Ken Flectwood, which included soft, slim wool dresses in quiet colours like brown and grey. For later day, jewel colours like royal purple, kingfisher blue and jade green spiced up the chic but sombre blacks and graphite greys.

The coat and dress - at its most sophisticated in three-quarter length over a slim crepe cocktail dress - is taking over from the suit as the fashion look for the autumn. Soft evening trousers with a kimono jacket and sequinned T-shirt were an interesting evening style.

Hardy Amies, an indefatigable 74, leaves next week for a promotional tour of the United States where his menswear is a best-selling range. For Britain, he is designing a new range of homewear for Saxon lingerie for next Spring.

Meanwhile, he tells me that the couture workrooms have never been so busy, suggesting that there is a renaissance of couture in Britain as well as in France. I shall be reporting from there on the Paris collections next week.

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Cheque mates

This newspaper business is paying better and better. Further to my note about the unexpected bonus paid to Yorkshire Post staff by the company computer...

Dry rot

Dr John Green, reader in climatology at Imperial College, London, says the Met Office are 'absolutely bonkers'.

J. M. Jerram of Newbury thinks it must have been a Freudian slip that made the management of the Sommerhof Hotel at Gosau in Austria list a vegetable on their menu as 'jung peas'.

Steeple chase

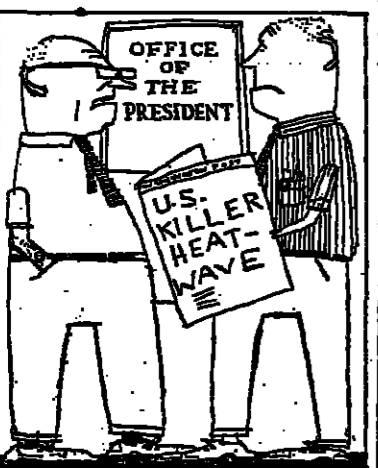
One of London's most beautiful church steeples, that of St Mary-le-Strand, is about to be dismantled as a dangerous structure.

A PHSpy reports a Unigate milkfloat trundling down a street in sweltering Stevenage advertising: 'The bottle to beat the British winter.'

Silly season

I have received from several sources the malicious suggestion that when Sir Harold Wilson chooses his new title he should follow the precedent set by George Thomas, now Lord Tonypanny.

BARRY FANTONI



Relax, Ronald's told Henry to talk to God about it

Out of line

John Betjeman's television film Metroland was recently shown for the sixth time, and promptly became the subject of a complaint to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

Our neighbours the Scots are not as underprivileged as they were under the new Tenants Rights Act leases, council tenants in Aberdeen are now allowed to dance in their own homes.

Avoiding an Israeli Vietnam

by Shimon Peres

It is time for Israel to begin withdrawing its troops from all of Lebanon and to replace them with military arrangements - provided by the multinational force and the militia of Major Saad Haddad - that assure Israel's security.

Israel's forces are stationed in three distinct regions of Lebanon. In the eastern region, parallel to the Syrian border, the Israeli army faces the Syrian army.

In the central region - the Chuf mountains and the Beirut area - the Israeli forces are caught in the inter-ethnic and inter-party clashes between Christians, Muslims and Druze.

Demographic changes have heightened tension in this region: the Christians have lost their demographic majority, and the other communities are hoping, at least tacitly, that Israeli tanks will settle the discrepancies between the demography and the old constitution based on a Christian majority.

The southern region, south of the Awali River, is inhabited by a Shiite Muslim majority, some Palestinian refugees and a Christian minority. Major Haddad's forces have succeeded in establishing relative peace

in the region and in preventing the return of PLO terrorists. The commonly accepted view is that the Israeli presence in the eastern region exerts pressure on Syria to withdraw from Lebanon.

What would happen in the field should Israel leave? In my opinion, the Lebanese army and the multinational force must take the Israeli place. According to the understanding reached in the agreement between Israel and Lebanon, the multinational force (in this case, the French) is to patrol the Beirut-Damascus highway.

The multinational force, the government of Lebanon and the government of Israel must make it clear to Syria that the present Syrian front line will be a red line and that any Syrian movement westward into Lebanon will be viewed as a deliberate escalation.

As for the Chuf mountains and the Beirut area, only the Lebanese can work out rules for coexistence there. In my view it would be best for Israel to withdraw from these two regions as soon as possible, and our American friends should help establish other effective military arrangements in these two areas.

In southern Lebanon, however, Israel is faced with a serious problem. In the last year 500 of our best young men have fallen, and about 2,500 have been wounded, to ensure that Galilee will no longer be shelled by Katyusha rockets. This is a heavy and painful price. We would

Waging war on the individual

Roger Scruton

On July 14, a Turkish diplomat, Dursun Aksoy, was gunned down in Brussels. On the next day a bomb went off in the Turkish Airlines cockpit at Orly, killing six people and injuring many more.

Luckily, in this region as well, there is a reasonable though imperfect alternative: reinforcing the forces of Major Haddad. These forces are composed today of regular units (about 1,100 soldiers) and of a rural militia (about 600 men).

The Lebanon army can also help in this region - primarily in the northern part - an arrangement that is already stipulated by the Israel-Lebanon agreement. Israel itself would of course continue to keep an eye on what happens in this area on its northern border.

It is a small step from these innocent-seeming ideas of collective identity, to the sinful thoughts which animate the Armenian revanchist. For him, the collective responsibility of the Turkish people is born individually by every living Turk.

The answer, I believe, is: 'No or living'. And that answer is the one that can beationally supportive. The modern Turkish state, which deliberately turned its back on the old Ottoman Empire, no more existed at the time of these ever than the individuals who are not

Revanchism is one of many depraved habits of thought which have proved useful in justifying murder. All such habits share the feature to which I have alluded: they turn the individual into an abstraction, so that he may bear responsibility for collective faults.

Terrorists often claim to be fighting wars, and to be doing no more than is necessary in war. This is nonsense. War is certainly the natural expression of collective resentment; but it occurs between organized groups, and is fought openly, against a collective enemy.

What, then, of the rest of them, the ones who want the party to make the right choice? It is not difficult to see what they will do, for it is what they have always done in the past, and it is now more likely, not less, that they will go on doing it.

One radical but possible solution to the Russian roulette of pay bargaining in Fleet Street - or any troubled production-line industry - would be to put all the assets of a strife-torn or ailing company (the title, the printing presses, vans, building and equipment) into a small asset-holding company which would then lease these assets to the old company which would be left as a self-regulating, labour-intensive publishing company.

By dividing capital and labour into two separate companies and setting up a leasing arrangement between the two the parent company would have neatly divested itself of the appalling problem of leapfrogging pay claims in a multi-union industry while retaining direct control of its assets.

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Central to the continued relationship between the labour-intensive publishing company and the small asset-holding company would be a leasing agreement containing vari-

ous stringent terms and conditions that would guarantee the quality of the paper editorial independence, a regular return on the capital leased and binding formula for the division of the newspaper's revenue among its constituent parts of the workforce - journalists, printers and clerical staff - after payment of company's overheads.

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Bernard Levin: The way we live now



'Here's another fine mess you've got us into!'

How Garland saw Labour's turmoil in this week's Sunday Telegraph

Labour's joke: who has the last laugh?

It is not generally known that on Mrs Thatcher's side of the matrimonial bed there are two holes in the carpet, a few inches across and much the same distance apart, through which the floorboards can be distinctly seen.

Opinions differ as to precisely what happened last week between Mr Foot and Mr Hattersley. Some say that Mr Hattersley was to be heard effing and blinding at his leader for hours on end and that Mr Foot in response had attempted to eviscerate him with a bread knife; others declare that Mr Hattersley confined himself to commending

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most warmly Mr Foot's grasp of economic and foreign affairs, together with his charismatic leadership and inspiring oratory, and that Mr Foot had in turn gone out of his way to praise Mr Hattersley's unwavering devotion to principle and abhorrence of personal ambition.

No doubt, as is so often the case in these matters, the truth lies somewhere between these extremes. But the episode suggests strongly

that the Labour Party has now reached a point at which, if Mrs Thatcher accidentally started the Third World War - indeed, if she deliberately started the Third World War - the response of the Opposition's leaders would be to blame one another for it and to use their next party political broadcast for an appeal to the nation to rally round a programme of more nationalization, withdrawal from the EEC and a substantial increase in the powers and legal immunities of the trade unions.

Have you ever, in all your born days, seen anything like the way in which the leading figures in the Labour Party are now reeling about like drunks at closing time, baring one another off the pavement, vomiting over the passers-by and every now and again raising their voices in untimely song?

one direction or the other; it must be a modern, outward-looking, fully democratic institution, able to appeal to the voters, perception of their own and the country's interests, or it will be a group of deadbeats and fanatics, its policies increasingly remote from the real world and its attitudes increasingly totalitarian.

There is a pleasure in spotting a neologism, almost as agreeable in its modest way as discovering a new painter or a new author. One swam into my ken the other day in the pages of The Guardian, home of misprints, coinages, and trendy prose. It was to catharsis as a verb. It came in a piece about unemployment.

If the idea was to get the unemployed hard nuts into the centre and cathart their energy and aggression in weight-lifting or squash, then the leisure centres have fished badly.

Itake this to be a back-formation from 'cathartic', meant to mean something like 'to purge'. There is nothing immoral or improper in coining a new word, if you need one, provided you do it sensibly and from necessity. It has been OK, and it always will be OK, to coin words with modern mint-marks.

The first question is to cathari a neologism? For all I know it may already be a vogue word in sociology assignments for the Open University, and will appear in the textbooks next year. All we can say at present is that it is too new to have

It is no use telling them that if two dogs go on fighting long enough over a bone a passing cat will make off with it; the truth is that the struggle over the dying body of the Labour Party, however little significance it may have sub specie aeternitatis, seems to have a real meaning for those involved in it. The Labour Party must - now, not later - go in

Mr Hattersley would serve under anybody ('My friend Genghis and I have our differences, but...')

perhaps, perhaps not, I can contemplate with hilarity the prospects of another two and a half months of the struggle, until the results are announced at the autumn conference, but hilarity comes easily to me because I am not a supporter of the Labour Party. I doubt if many of those voters who still, however illogically, look to it for hope and succour will be laughing by the time October arrives; I doubt if many of our catastrophes would be for him, too, in which Mr Kinnoch, moved hither and thither by the hard-faced thugs in the wings, makes such an appalling shambles of the leadership that the party will turn simultaneously to the Long Knives and Mr Hattersley.

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Trendies, read on

New words for old/ Philip Howard

been reentered in the latest dictionaries and word-lists of new English.

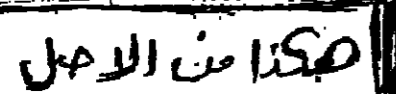
The second question to ask is: is the new word properly and decently derived? The answer is up to a point, Lord Copper. It would be more correct to write 'to cathartize'; but I can see that that might have a medical ring, and would not make the connexion with catharsis.

Why should we want our emotions to be evacuated like waste products? Aristotle was a physician's son, and he was probably thinking of the conventional medical wisdom of his day, in which cathartics meant purgation in the modern sense, but partial removal of excess humours. A healthy man or woman had a well-balanced idiosyncrasy. Pity was thought of as wet, as in tears, or the centre and left in politics. Fear was thought of as excess of cold. Aristotle opined that old gentlemen are more timid,

because more chilly. The trick was to be like Brutus: 'His life was gentle, and the Elements So mixt in him, that Nature might stand up, And say to all the world: This was a man.'

What we mean by catharsis is something like the purification and balancing of the emotions by vicarious experience, especially through the drama. I do not think that there is any exact translation of it. As you might expect, the term is widely and loosely used in psychotherapy, to mean something like the process of relieving an abnormal excitement by reestablishing the association of the emotion with the memory or idea of the event which was the first cause of it, and of eliminating it by abreaction.

The last question is: do we need the new word to cathari. Je n'en vois pas la nécessité. We already have to 'sublimate' if we want to use Freudian English; and to 'relieve' if we want something plain and simple. It will be interesting to see whether cathari catches on with the trendies.



THE ARTS

Galleries: John Russell Taylor visits current shows in Edinburgh

Spirited reactions to the lure of London



Orchardson's Her Mother's Voice (exhibited 1888): an anglicization all too successful?

Consistency in inconsistency: Knox's In the Cafeteria of the Stedelijk (1974)

Master Class National Gallery of Scotland

The Edinburgh Group City Art Centre

Jack Knox Fruitmarket

It is upon, ignored or merely ambitious beyond the confines of their immediate society. Scottish artists in the nineteenth century tended to head southward in search of fame and fortune. Or, if they did not, they were very likely to be left out of the history books and so virtually forgotten, even in their own country. If the same, they were usually named first in Scotland, and their work takes on new significance if seen in the context of their training, their early background and the art they left behind. A painter such as Orchardson, for example, quite deliberately took himself to London when he was 30 and courted success at the Royal Academy. For the last 33 years of his life he even avoided altogether the sort of Scottish (and often Scott) subjects which had obsessed him when young, and did everything to seem just another, though exceptionally well patronized, English artist. And yet, for all that, he remained very much part of the distinctively Scottish tradition splendidly celebrated in the National Gallery of Scotland's major new exhibition Master Class: Robert Scott and his pupils (until October 1).

I began with Orchardson because, to judge by his paintings, he is probably the best-

known, indeed the only really familiar, name in the show; his anglicization was all too successful perhaps. But, if the other names in the show may ring no particular bells, the images frequently do - at any rate to those old enough to remember popular history books illustrated with historical paintings like John Pettie's The Disgrace of Cardinal Wolsey or Robert Herdman's Mary Queen of Scots' Farewell to France. It was all rather what I tend to think of as the brown-Windsor-soup kind of painting, not notably dissimilar from the post-Pre-Raphaelite work of Millais; and the phantom of Millais hovers also over some of the grim Highland landscapes of these contemporary Scots. But then, of course, grim Highland landscapes are just what Millais himself was painting, and, who knows, if there is any influence at work beyond the natural influence of the terrain, it might be flowing from the pupils of Lauder to their more famous English visitor.

But who, you may well be asking, was Robert Scott Lauder? He was in many respects the most important figure in Scottish art in the generation after Wilkie. Not necessarily the best painter - his friend David Roberts, commenting on Lauder's portrait of him in oriental costume, observed significantly that it was "broad and for Lauder dashingly painted"; but the implication being, correctly, that dash and flair were not normally part of Lauder's painterly equipment. Like many of those who were later to be his pupils, he had an early success in Scotland, went south and settled in London. But there wider success eluded him. The Academy snubbed him and an offer from the Trustees' Academy in Edinburgh, the first art school in Britain to be founded with public money, that he should become director of it provided him in 1852 with a dignified way out of the London rat-race.



In Edinburgh he continued to paint, but his more important role was as a teacher and encourager of young talent. No doubt he was fortunate in the amount of young talent lying around to be discovered and fostered. Probably Orchardson, McTaggart and Pettie at least would have made their way with or without him. But at the same time he seems to have been a remarkable teacher, promoting a rare sense of unity, if not of mission, among his pupils and yet leaving them the freedom to develop in their own individual directions. He seems to have handed on to Orchardson in particular the light, almost sketchy touch which was Wilkie's speciality - thereby providing a specifically Scottish continuity - but elsewhere one finds, even in early works, a hint of crisp Pre-Raphaelite finish in, say, McTaggart's Spring of 1864, or a cold Nazarene clarity in Herdman's portrait of his wife, c. 1857.

And where did they not go from there? Apart from London, that is, which claimed the brothers Alexander and John Bury in 1861, Orchardson and Pettie in 1862, Thomas Graham in 1863, Peter Graham in 1866 and McWhirter in 1869, leaving only McTaggart among the major figures to soldier on in Scotland. That, and the relative isolation of it, may have been the reason that of them all, McTaggart developed furthest and most unpredictably, finding his own way gradually to a sort of Impressionism pushing always, after 1900, towards the edge of abstraction. Orchardson became the Austin Dobson of painting, with the sentimental anecdotalism his subjects implied redeemed only by his evident interest in the paint first and foremost, the story some way after. The rest developed into solid (and sometimes better than solid) late-Victorian painters of landscapes and historical or literary scenes, ripe for

the Chantry Bequest. Latterly you might hardly be conscious that they were Scottish, but during the Trustees' Academy's glorious decade under Robert Scott Lauder's rule something truly, distinctively Scottish was begun in painting, and later generations were not slow to take up the torch.

At the City Art Centre we can see where one of these later generations carried it. The Edinburgh Group, informally incorporated themselves in 1912, just 60 years after Lauder took over the Academy. A little younger than the most important of the Scottish Colourists like Ferguson and Peppoc, they shared a number of their preoccupations, and the neglect into which they fell. Interest in the group has been slow in reviving, though Eric Robertson, the best known of them, has received some attention from London galleries of late, (understandable considering his weird symbolism and tortured eroticism), while the sole survivor, Mary Newbery Sturrock, is still happily painting and exhibiting flower studies at the age of 91. Again, the show, in Edinburgh until Saturday, and then at Glasgow Art Gallery from August 11, is something of a rescue operation. It is a very pleasant display to visit, light and colourful and on the whole cheery (despite Robertson's taste for rather overwrought allegory). Like the Master Class show, it evokes first of all a vivid picture of a specific time in Scottish art-life, a shared enthusiasm and a degree of youthful eagerness which is later moderated.

It would be hard to maintain that any of those included comes within miles of being a major talent. Robertson is the most distinctive; though his exaggerations must sometimes provoke some unintended amusement. Cecile Walton, who for a while shared a stormy marriage with him, also has a real gift; but tends to be even

funnier; witness Suffer Little Children, in which what appears to be a bearded lady pats the head of a number of pudgy moppets straight out of Christopher Robin. John Rankine Barclay's tiny Paris of 1911 shows a distinct Whistlerian sensitivity. Dorothy Johnstone's pictures of pubescent girls have a lot of charm, and all around there are light-filled landscapes it would be a pleasure to have on one's own walls. They are all pleasant to know about and know yet pleasant to miss a chapter (or at least a brief interlude) in the story of Scottish art has been fetchingly filled in.

It is tempting to suggest, unkindly but not altogether unfairly, that another Scottish group is represented over the road at the Fruitmarket until August 6, and thereafter in Aberdeen, Inverness, Glasgow and Dundee, except that the group happens to be called Jack Knox. Certainly at a glance this retrospective of more than 20 years looks like a mixed show of maybe half-a-dozen artists. One minute, we get Knox as a sort of homegrown Abstract Expressionist, then as a sort of Alan Davies esoteric symbolist, then an explorer of Blackadder-like discomfulation. On one wall there is a series of paintings which contain longhand inscriptions and suggest Magritte, Larry Rivers and Hockney, though not necessarily in that order; opposite are Knox's more recent paintings, monumental still-lives which look rather like the Italian Metaphysical painters of the Twenties and Thirties. Will the real Jack Knox one of these days stand up and be recognized? Perhaps not; and perhaps it does not matter. There is a strange consistency behind the inconsistency, and abundant life throughout. Does he contradict himself? Very well, then, he contradicts himself.

John Russell Taylor

Concerts New aspirations

Dreamtigger ICA

The small Seminar Room at the ICA was overflowing for Sunday night's concert in the invaluable MusC4 series, which aims to give a hearing to music neglected by the ordinary run of contemporary concert-goers. To judge by Sunday night's response, it fills an important gap.

Dreamtigger presented small-scale pieces by Douglas Young, the group's director, Stephen Reeve and Reinhard Felber. Young's solo clarinet pieces Symbols of Longevity were dispatched with infinite care and commitment by Ian Mitchell. Taking their inspiration from Korean symbols, these little studies were about aspiration - the low, slow notes of a tortoise reaching up desperately for the high squeaked notes of a bird; the oscillating furies of a mountain stream striving for the peace of the open sea - and the pictorialisms were ingeniously combined with technical exploration of the instrument so

that the clarinet itself seemed to be aspiring to new life. Stephen Reeve's De la grande these de la petite-fille de Tchaikovsky - three sections from a longer cello solo was given its first performance by Rohan de Saram. I liked the simplest moments best: the gently dancing harmonics of the "veneration pacifique" and "veneration saignée" were most effective. Though it seemed to lie awkwardly for the instrument, Saram played it with remarkable command, and even managed to extract pizzicato harmonics from his cello.

Earlier, Reeve's La Chasse de la flamme, with its fitting, half-heard piano chords, had proved quietly hypnotic. Finally, Douglas Young joined Peter Hill for a tempestuous two-piano piece, Regionen by Reinhard Felber, which started as if it was going to be an unfolding bit of phase-music but through its shimmering, overlapping second movement and tempestuously noisy finale came to sound like a very curious transference back to live keyboards of an electronically-manipulated piano piece.

Nicholas Kenyon

Von Otter/Lidiard Wigmore Hall

As the winner of last year's Benson and Hedges "Gold Award" for singers, Anne Sophie von Otter had a programme to herself on Sunday night which confirmed her mezzo-soprano versatility. A tall, slim figure, she has already been engaged as a future Cherubino at Covent Garden, and in a range of songs through five languages she had the exceptional sensitive support of Pamela Lidiard at the piano; an accompanist new to me, of thoughtful musical partnership.

While it was graceful of the singer to include "The Sally Gardens" and other arrangements of English folksongs by Benjamin Britten, I was greatly taken by three songs by the sea in her native Swedish, composed by Gösta Nystroem, who died in 1966. These have a wonderfully evocative character through their music, and in her sense of poetic vision and warmth of phrasing Miss von Otter was a worthy successor to her fellow-countrywoman Kerstin Meyer, who also used to sing them.

In two groups of French songs, the Chansons de Blittis of Debussy found the singer unduly conversational in some of the verbal phrasing but Poulenc's Baudaises were characterized with eloquent charm

and diverting spirit. She nicely caught the languorous sweetness of "Hotel" and the allusive humour of "Voyage a Paris", and the more searching sentiments of "Sanglots" were expressively realized in association with the vivid piano writing.

Another Scandinavian excursion into four Sibelius songs, sorrowful and rapturous by turns, the singer ended with an assortment from Hugo Wolf that reflected her sensitivity to word and phrase. In "Auch kleine Dinge" and "Du denkst mit einem Fädchen", both from the Italian Songbook, she was charmingly persuasive, and the concluding "Storchenschnäbelchen", though more cautiously delivered, had a beguiling sense of amusement.

Noel Goodwin

Janacek and Sibelius are the featured composers in the third and final season of South Bank Summer Music under the artistic directorship of Simon Rattle, which runs from August 14 to 28. The programme opens with a concert performance of Janacek's early opera Oncl (Fate) - the first time the work will have been heard complete in this country - and later there will be the rare opportunity of hearing all seven of Sibelius's symphonies within a fortnight. Other events include the world premiere of Oliver Knussen's Marchen.

Opera

Nolan's visual blaze

Trovatore Sydney

If too few operas are stamped on the public's mind through visual impact, singers, conductors and directors have each in an undominated operatic production. But perhaps the time of the artist and painter is about to arrive.

More than thirty years ago Sydney Opera House worked with John Piper and, of course, later with David Hockney. Covent Garden continued the trend with Sir Sidney Nolan in his 1957 production of Trovatore, staged with the guiding hand of his fellow Australian Elijah Moshinsky. The latter duo, one of the most exciting operatic pairings in recent years, have returned to their homeland and warmed Sydney in winter with a new production of Verdi's Il Trovatore, which ignites a visual blaze to match the passions unleashed in Verdi's score of vengeance and death.

From the first this is Nolan's Trovatore. A screen (replacing the curtain) depicts three blue-grey snow-capped mountains, broken with a horizontal bar of red - that bar being the Nolan signature as surely asucci has grabbed the G.

The screen rises to show a timeless set: Nolan and Moshinsky have embraced the darkness and pessimism of this work by enfolding the stage in a black box. A series of fluted columns fill both sides, meeting in the middle to form a giant Gothic arch. Liberal coatings of loss paint create a harshness allied to the militaristic mood of a well fortified castle and this time also adds a hint of modernity in which to frame Nolan's evocative twentieth-century backdrops. All the visual action takes place within the Gothic arch, which is removed from time to time to provide a wider vista. All Trovatore nowadays meetings plunged in gloom, but amidst the darkness there are moments of electrifying brilliance.

When Leonora makes her first entrance, in the gardens of the castle, she does so to a series of slowly and separately descending gauzes. The first shows the mountains, the second the moon struggling through the clouds and the third a blanket of stylized flowers. This last has a startling likeness to Monet. Can it be merely coincidental that Monet's Water Lilies hangs close to Nolan's Ned Kelly series of paintings in the new National Gallery in Canberra?

Another such moment occurs in the second act when, after a disappointingly jagged Anvil Chorus, Azucena recalls her horrific past against a gauze shimmering like shot silk and bearing the outline of an anguished mother clutching her child.

With such a set it is left to Luciana Arrighi, the costume designer, to create the period and place, which has in any event been changed from fifteenth-century Spain to something resembling Verdi's own mid-nineteenth-century Risorgimento Italy. Arrighi, whose work has been mainly films (Women in Love, Sunday Bloody Sunday, My Brilliant Career), keeps her colours subtle - soft blues and greys and mauves - and then makes much of floor-railling cloaks which are constantly swished aside to reveal splashes of bright red and blue.

Moshinsky's production is simple, stylized and zestful. He clearly has no intention of competing with Nolan and is happy to leave flashes of insight to the brush of his painter.

To complement the efforts of this successful team, the Australian Opera claims to have assembled one of its best casts under the somewhat cautious baton of Richard Bonynge. Dame Joan Sutherland as Leonora - a role she came to late in her career and which she sang at Covent Garden in 1981 - is adored on her home ground and could do no wrong, although few would deny that "D'amor, sull'ali" in Act IV was faltering and disappointing.

Her Mannrico was the only imported singer, the English tenor Kenneth Collins (a late replacement for Francisco Ortiz). He may have lost out in looks to his rival, the Count di Luna (the Australian-born Jonathan Summers) with a voice full of passion and commitment, which delighted the audience and gained him much applause.

Azucena is a part that shows Lauris Elms at her best, so much so that it was easy to understand why Verdi was drawn to this hysterical, obsessed character in the first instance and that at one time he considered naming the opera after her.

Performances of Trovatore continue until the middle of September, with Rita Hunter taking over from Joan Sutherland in mid-August.

Linda Christmas



Azucena (Lauris Elms) recalling her horrific past with Mannrico (Kenneth Collins) against Nolan's backcloth of anguished mother and child

Television

A model of self-possession

Motives, on BBC 2, transfers Dr Anthony Clare's inquisitorial talents from radio to television, with seven public figures offering themselves to his probing - impelled, one would think, by a common masochism, though they have the compensation, and this must make confrontation with a psychiatrist unique, that both sides are getting a fee.

George Best took the stand last night, plumper than when he twinkled magically and unforgettably in a Manchester United shirt, and indeed looking less like a striker than the man opposite. It was a match of contrasting Irish accents with Best never in danger of losing possession and Dr Clare not so much fumbling the ball as not being able to find it. In his heyday, many of Best's opponents had the same trouble.

Whatever motivates him in his general behaviour, we did not, I felt, get any closer to it. Certainly he has his own brand of aplomb, for who could sit and listen to the opening recital of background, talents and sins, of chances taken and missed, without, at the first opportunity, beginning to jabber in a self-revelatory flood?

Well, Best could for one. We

shall see about the others. They have all been taped so second thoughts are out. One got the distinct impression that Best had been probed many times before and possibly less gently than by Dr Clare's soft brogue. One could almost hear the exasperated voices, knowing the beauty of what Dr Clare properly called that "wonderous talent", shouting "What the hell is the matter with you, George?"

Sir Matt Busby, whom he admired, must have been among them, probably more gently than that. He suggested that Best see a psychiatrist and, looking back on the booze and bafflement, Best thought it might not have been a bad idea. But maybe that was because he was finding his present situation so comfortable.

His childhood had been easy, the 11-plus had been easy, football had been easy. It was a long time before he had realized that he had something special because he was doing something he just enjoyed doing. Then, "all of a sudden it seemed as if someone had taken my enjoyment away from me". The club began to get bad results and it

frightened him to think he could not be number one.

Women and liquor drew him close relationships with women did not. At home, but for Germaine, who obviously knew a thing or two, he had been able to talk his way out of everything. Now he could not. He has been drinking his way out on and off ever since, knowing all the time it would not work. He did not know what triggered it off or when it would be triggered. He might, he said, find himself on a trip after the programme. I thought he might have a motive for that. After this somewhat infuriating example of waste, I felt like a sniffer myself.

Next week it is Mr John Stonehouse for the penitent or impenitent bench. Maybe, at the end of it all, knee-deep in motives, they might add an extra, with Dr Clare taking the seat and someone, properly qualified of course, asking him about his.

Dennis Hackett

The Levin Interview with Henry Moore, reviewed yesterday from a preview, was in fact postponed for later transmission.

Rock

Altered Images

Hammersmith Palais

Altered Images have made an honest attempt to live up to their name. They emerged at the end of the Seventies from the protective wing of the hardcore punks Stoussie and the Banshees and were an instant success. Then a four-piece, fronted by the diminutive and charismatic singer Clare Grogan (a co-star in the film Gregory's Girl), Altered Images played heavily on a frothy pop sensibility. The chart-buying public enjoyed her enough to put them in the top ten, but a succession of cloying anthems for teenagers did their critical reputation little good. That version of Altered Images is no more.

At this Palais show Clare Grogan took the chance to emphasize the difference by coming on stage in a slinky haute couture outfit. She wasted no time in introducing the new five-piece group and the current Images sound, as heard on their ambitious album Bites. They used that as the basis for their set without hiding the fact that the supposed switch from twee pop to a more subtle shade of

disco is as much a joke as the original model.

Altered Images toy with a veneer of sophistication, enacting a succession of fantasies that Clare Grogan dresses down with refreshing candour. Songs like "Now That You're Here", "Don't Talk To Me About Love" and "Bring Me Closer" (their most recent hit) are almost Abba pastiches. Grogan no longer simpers, she sings properly, with power and authority.

The group were less convincing in revisiting older material. The amateur anarchy that once infested "Insects" and "White Savages" was not suited to their funkier interpretations. Stephen Lironi, who arranges the numbers, has given the old songs a

subtle boost that cannot disguise their frailty. There lies the danger for this Altered Images. I am not certain that they can maintain the new deceit. Clare Grogan is not sure whether she wants to be this generation's Lulu or a potential customer for Phil Spector. The uncertainty prevents the band from maintaining a direction. The problem was magnified during the encores, in which they were forced to repeat "See You Later", and by the simpler facts that they failed to sell out the venue. Despite the criticisms levelled at them at the turn of the decade the original Altered Images would have had no trouble resolving those dilemmas.

Max Bell

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Troubled chip market off the chopping block

THE WEEK By Clive Cookson

Sigma, the British computer graphics manufacturer, has signed a joint venture agreement with Seillac, a spectacularly new Japanese enterprise which is said to be the fastest growing of all the high technology companies in that country.

Two years after the company's formation, Seillac already accounts for 80 per cent of the Japanese computer graphics market. This week it shows itself on foreign territory for the first time, in Detroit at Siggraph '83, the big American graphics exhibition.

Sigma marketing director Ray Spiers, who recently saw

the new Seillac 7 graphics system in Japan, says it will worry American competitors (particularly Tektronix, the market leader).

The Japanese machine is a 3D colour system with a performance said to match the best offered by Evans and Sutherland, the Rolls-Royce of the American graphics industry. Its price will be only one quarter of the closest competitor.

Sigma will adapt the Seillac system for Europe, giving it ergonomic features that are missing in the extremely powerful, but rather crude Japanese machines. The ambition is to

sell at least 500 units in the next two years, worth about £8.5m. The longer term goal is to win 30 per cent of the European market, which Sigma expects to reach £187m by 1987.

Marketing Japanese systems in Europe is intended just to be the first phase of the joint venture. Sigma and Seillac plan later to cooperate on the development of new products for worldwide sale. Some will be manufactured at Sigma's plant in Horsham, Sussex.

Ironically, Sigma technical director Chris Wheeler first visited Japan early this year to investigate the possibility of

finding a Japanese partner to sell British-made graphics systems there. But he was so impressed by Seillac that he quickly decided that there was more scope in bringing the Japanese machines to Europe.

Details of the agreement were thrashed out three weeks ago when Sigma chairman John Massey visited Japan with two senior colleagues, and confirmed a week ago - just in time for Sigma and Seillac to have a joint stand at Siggraph this week.

Sigma itself manufactured a range of lower-performance machines with 2D rather than 3D capabilities. The privately-owned company's growth rate has averaged 80 per cent a year since its formation in 1974 and turnover in the next 12 months could be as much as £9m.

The Japanese company chose the name Seillac - almost unpronounceable by native Japanese speakers - with international cooperation very much in mind. Seillac is the French town where the first international meeting was held that led to the present Graphical Kernel Standard (GKS), the only world standard for computer graphics so far.

● ICL has signed an important international trading agreement which should provide the long-awaited breakthrough into the American market for its small business computers.

Computerland, the fast-growing microcomputer stores group, is to make ICL's DRS 20 range available in its 450 franchises (350 in the United States and 100 elsewhere in the world).

Ray Piggott, director of ICL's Trader Point division, who negotiated the deal, expects business worth several million pounds a year from Computerland.

ICL is the first non-American company to be selected by the US-based franchise organisation, which is opening a new store somewhere in the world every other day. Total retail sales through Computerland are doubling annually and should reach \$1,000m this year.

Charles Hansen, Computerland's European manager, said that the DRS 20 range would help the stores move up market and attract more sophisticated business users.

People/Tim Simon of CCF



Sailing through the City

by Roger Woolhouse

"I was a complete dunc at school," admits Tim Simon. "I failed most exams most of the time, and my father insisted I get some qualification in life, whatever it was."

For someone who is now running a successful computing services and software company, the qualification is unexpected. As a keen sailing man, he chose to study naval architecture. But once qualified, this career did not last long.

Disillusioned with a civil service job, he switched to computers and joined IBM. Today, Tim Simon is chairman and managing director of Computers (City & Financial) more conveniently known as CCF, which he founded about eight years ago. With offices on the edge of the City, the company aims to meet the special needs of stockbrokers, investment managers, shipbrokers and others.

CCF's turnover last year almost doubled to £1.3m, but the company has its origins in a stock market slump. After five years with IBM, Simon was becoming increasingly interested in business and what makes them tick. In 1972 he joined his father's stockbroking firm to learn about the financial world.

"The index was just hitting its all-time peak," Simon says, "but after I joined it went down and down. Everyone blamed it on me."

It was a painful experience. When he left IBM, Simon halved his salary, basing his calculations on expected bonuses and commissions. But as City business slumped, his salary was halved again.

Simon was married with four children, and started to moon-

light, writing computer programs for clients, and charging them on an hourly basis. Then in 1975 a firm of stockbrokers asked for help with a computer system.

"We saw this as a way to get into an area we knew pretty well," says Simon, "and also to end up with a product which we could sell to others."

The result was a software package called FISCAL, which is now used by several brokers, and which Simon reckons accounts for 15 per cent of all London Stock Exchange business. "It's a simple-minded chap," he claims, "and understood plain language. I thought it was crazy trying to turn stockbrokers into computer people. Our approach has always been to put software into the jargon of a particular business."

The stockbroking package was soon followed by several more - for fund management (FIMS), shipbroking (SHIPS), and commodities (COCOFIN).

Tim Simon still works hard, but there is no more moonlighting. He expects the turnover of CCF to pass £2m this year. A Hong Kong office has been opened, and he sees New York as a good prospect.

With a continuing enthusiasm for sailing, he has his eyes on Athens. Handy, he says, for the Greek islands.

The dangers facing programmers

by Russell G. Jones

The job title "computer programmer", together with all its various pseudonyms such as "analyst/programmer", is very much a product of the technological revolution that has occurred during the past 20 years. The attributes required to perform the day-to-day functions of the job have always been thought to be of a rather esoteric nature - most programmers are still required to pass a so-called aptitude test before even being considered for a post.

Nevertheless, an increasing number of people are starting their careers in computing as programmers. Of these, a number have passed into systems analysis. The assumption that a successful programmer should be the right person to analyse and improve business clerical systems has all too often proved to be disastrously fallacious. However, there are still left, in commercial installations throughout the country, armies of programmers writing and, more usually, maintaining an enormous literature of computer programs. What does the future hold for them?

Many have spent a large part of their time re-inventing wheels that others, in similar installations, have already invented at least once or twice before. An example is the huge number of existing systems that have been written in COBOL and payroll systems written in PL/I, all performing the same basic functions and all written in much the same way. The changes that have occurred in the computer industry over the past 10 years or so have usually left programmers very much unaffected.

Programs have reflected the increasing complexities of the overall business systems of which they form a part, and program design techniques have improved enormously. But many programmers still get by on the same techniques that they acquired in the first six months of their training - five, ten or fifteen years ago.

Some data processing managers are quite happy to pay reasonable salaries to reasonably competent COBOL programmers, who will sit quietly in their corners all day and maintain the aged and increasingly frail sales ledger/payroll/order entry systems that still form the bulk of any commercial installation's catalogue of programs.

Even so, there are a large number of programmers who are living off their fat; either have not, or have not been allowed, to learn of the new techniques that are available or of the advances in hardware and software capabilities that are constantly occurring.

Of all the myriad of forecasts that emanate from those pundits who think they hold the key to future developments in the

computer industry, at least three are fairly safe bets and have a direct bearing on the career prospects of those currently holding the job title "computer programmer". They are:

● Within larger commercial organisations the general, though not universal, trend is towards the use of smaller computers within discreet departments, usually with a corresponding decreased reliance on the old-style centralized computer. Part of the reasoning behind this is to move the physical location of data nearer to the site of its day-to-day use, but a secondary motivation must not be ignored - to pass control of the use of computers into the hands of the actual users rather than the old-style data processing department.

● Both on the new-style "developed" computers, and on the remaining large data base/data communication-based ones, the future trend will be to "buy in" software products. No longer will systems be written for specific users; instead these users will seek out ready-written packages that fit their requirements.

● The schools and colleges are disgorging thousands of people who will not have to "learn" about computers - they will already be second nature to them. Most of them will have a computer at home, and all of them will have been educated to a level of knowledge about computing which will be at least as high as that of the current commercial programmer. They will also be young and, probably, very keen.

All three of these factors are particularly worrying for the current generation of programmers, the older they are, the more worried they ought to be. Already computer users can buy packages called "Payroll" or "Sales Ledger". Fairly soon, they will be able to buy packages called "Produce Any Report You Wish" or "Display Any Information From Any Database" - and buy them they will, throwing out all the old programs that formerly provided these functions for them.

From now on, users will not be prepared to put up with lead times of one or two months for programs, or one or two years for overall systems; they will merely bypass the old-style data processing departments and buy their software as they would their photo-copiers. The days when commercial organisations engaged large numbers of programming staff are coming rapidly to an end. So where will the programmers go? The most obvious answer would seem to be to the assorted software houses where these new products will be manufactured. But will they find employment there? The environment will be much more harsh than the one they will have just left.

All the software houses will be trying to sell in very competitive markets, where, in order to sell their sales ledger package, they will need to convince prospective buyers that their product is better than the hundreds of similar ones available.

They will look for staff who are able to produce programs of a uniformly high quality, can program in a number of languages on a multiplicity of different machines, and can respond quickly and efficiently to the pressures brought about by the dynamic fluctuations in the software market. Where will the software houses turn when seeking these qualities? To programmers who have spent five or ten years maintaining mostly archaic software or to new, younger people to whom computers have been second nature for as long as they can remember?

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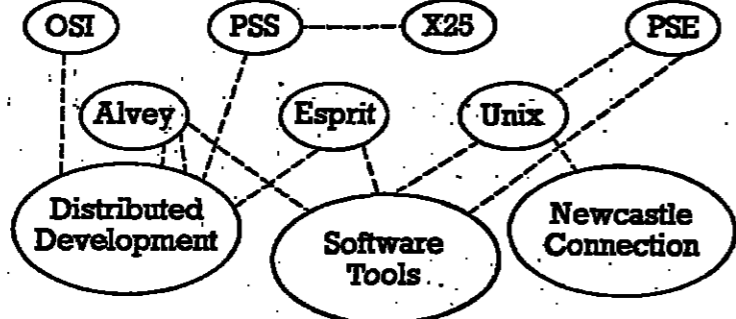
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JOB SCENE by Richard Sharpe

Watch the new boys

Working for a newly formed company in the computer business is exciting, but also dangerous, given the rate of collapse of such ventures.

Bright stars in the firmament of the UK computer industry have a habit of going out quite suddenly, and to be involved is a depressing experience.

The founders, who looked like the heroes of the hour, often become the villains as management inadequacies are exposed in bankruptcy or liquidation proceedings.

Even worse can be when a fast growth company is taken over by a much bigger concern, probably a rival which had been the butt of jokes and criticism in the past precisely because it was big and established.

Most employees in the computer industry are employed by large organisations and feel more secure as a result. But for those drawn to the exciting life of the new entrant there are five aspects of the company which should get some attention by the prospective employee and the existing staff.

The first test is to discover if the founders of the company, presumably still at the helm, will share control. If they seem reluctant to even contemplate the day that outside interests will be represented on the board then life may soon get tough. The reason is that no computer company in Britain can generate enough profit to fund its own growth. Outside investment is needed to keep going and outside investors will demand some degree of control.

If the founders are reluctant to give up control voluntarily it will be wrested from them as the financial difficulties of high growth inevitably overcome the company.

The second test to apply is to find out whether the books are professionally kept. In many cases methods of accounting that were acceptable for a small partnership are carried through to the day when the company has grown beyond the size that back-of-envelope accounting will suffice.

Third, prospective candidates should find out if the products marketed by the company are going to be supported adequately. A lot of companies put out what they think is a good product only to be bled dry in their early days by high and unexpected support costs. Only if proper provision for support is made from the start will the right financial resources allocated.

The fourth test is to look at the staff turnover and find out

who has left and why. Small companies are often dependent on one or two people in crucial positions in marketing or financial control. Once these people go it is important to find out why. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, employees of small and fast growing companies should find out whether an adequate management structure is being built to take the company forward. Are the people who can evaluate, control and take the right decisions available to those who need their advice? Or are they becoming more remote yet refusing to delegate?

The cosy atmosphere of a newly formed company can turn into a management clique where the right people are never accessible.

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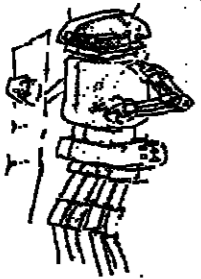
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COMPUTER BRIEFING

Miracle's big push

Distributors in Germany, France, Italy, Israel and Thailand have already applied to handle the Miracle British portable micro launched by Portico Technology.

Set to become the only dual-processor portable available, when its 16-bit upgrade board is released in September, the 8-bit Miracle offers 128K RAM with fast cache memory accessing and several hundred pounds worth of business software for £1,795. According to managing director Geoff Smith, the 16-bit board is likely to cost "well under £500."

With 800 UK orders on the books, Miracle production is being stepped up to reach 100 a week at the Bedfordshire plant, providing an extra 15 jobs. When Portico Technology's factory at Cwmbran near Newport opens next month, a further 50 jobs will be created and production should increase to about 1,200 machines a month. Mr Smith is optimistic that the company, formed in March, will sell 12,000 Miracles during the first year.

UK Events

8th ZX Microfair, Alexandra Palace, London, August 20. Video, Audio and Computer Show, Bradford Exhibition Centre, September 16-18. Home Entertainment Show, Olympia, London, September 17-25. Computer Open Day Exhibition, Central Hotel, Glasgow, September 22. Microcomputers in Business, Warwick University, Coventry, September 27-29. Personal Computer World Show, Barbican Centre, London, September 29-October 2. Computer Fair, The Sir Frederic Osborn School, Welwyn Garden City, October 2. European Computer Trade Forum, NEC, Birmingham, October 4-7.

Overseas

International Micro Computer Exhibition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 2-5. National Computer Business & Office Systems, Auckland, New Zealand, August 16-19. Personal Computers & Office Automation Systems Exhibition, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, September 5-8. Australian Computer Exhibition, Melbourne, Australia, September 13-16. International Peripheral Equipment & Software Exposition, Moscone Centre, Anaheim, USA, September 13-15.

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Just like the hokey-cokey



The world of computers is full of mystifying words. Take the word computer itself. If you have not yet quite absorbed it into your subconscious you may still find it a cool, inhuman sort of word that puts you on your guard. And it is certainly not very self-explanatory. Most computers do not do much actual calculating, despite the old joke about computer rooms being equipped with an emergency glass case containing an abacus.

It does not help much to look up the word in technical reference books. I have just checked through half a dozen reputable publications. Collectively they revealed - if that is not putting it too dramatically - that a computer is a system (or machine or other device) which operates on (or processes) data (or information or input) according to preset instructions (or programs) to produce results (or output).

The sheer vagueness is bad enough, but when you work out what this means it seems that a computer could be a washing machine, the human digestive system, or even a line of hokey-cokey dancers - you know, following the preset instructions for putting all those things in and out.

Clearly, the technical books think you ought to know what a computer is before you start. And the general reference works are not much better. For

their different ways. (I quite like "babbage": you can easily imagine them sitting there, babbling away; they would have seemed less threatening somehow.)

Let us have another go at a definition. The computer takes stuff in from the external world and gives stuff out to it - quite often different stuff. The stuff is essentially information in some form, rather than tangible matter. The out-stuff is generated from the raw material of the in-stuff by activities which are automatic, are typically lengthy and intricate, and which change themselves quite drastically according to the stuff being acted upon. The computer is continually modifying its own instructions. It may not be thinking, but it is doing more than following mechanical rules.

At this point I am having a twinge of sympathy for the editors of those reference books. We just have not yet invented powerful enough words to handle the ideas conveniently. More generalized terms such as "information processing" or the French "l'informatique" with still wider connotations, are on hand. But they obscure the real drama: the computer is a device of far greater general capability than any other invention. It handles information, and it takes an increasing number of its own decisions about what to do with it. Language now has to rise to the challenge of letting everyone in on the excitement.

Computers are supposed to be computers, so to speak, because it so happened that the early electronic machines were used a lot for computation. "It would have been more imaginative, and in the lovely English language traditions of sandwich-making wellingtons, if we had called it a babbage, or a neumann after one of other of the inventors who contributed in

A small mini or a big micro?

by Dennis Dwyer

a desktop computer a small mini or a big micro? This was a early question posed at a press briefing in New York last week when Data General produced its Desktop Generation series of computers.

Edson D. De Castro, founder and president of the corporation, hedged his reply by saying the new family "offers the best of both worlds" - understandably, because the United States-based company is foremost producer of minisupercomputers - with over 120,000 units in operation around the world - and until now has maintained clear of the microcomputer "jungle" where, in a latently short time, some 300 companies have gathered to compete for shares of a creative growing market.

"Having sat out the first generation of office automation, we believe we are taking the lead in the second generation of desktop computers" Mr De Castro told a group of 100 European journalists flown over by charter Concorde to witness the launch of Desktop Generation. Which means that in common with most other major producers - including IBM - Data General was recognized as it must drink in the shallow end of the pool as well as in the deeper waters.

When asked to explain what is happening in the minicomputer industry, he said the definition of the market is now fuzzy. "The market for 16-bit computers produced from discrete integrated circuits has peaked and is in decline, in favour of the 16-bit built out of large-scale produced components."

So there we have it - the Desktop Generation is a 16-bit microcomputer designed to compete in price and performance in the personal-computer sector. The four models are all compatible with the corpor-

ation's own superminicomputer software and two of them can run industry standard systems also usable on IBM, DEC and other makes of computer. Another feature of the series is the capacity for up to four different users to work simultaneously on the system each with a separate terminal. The central processing unit

(CPU) incorporated in models 10 and 10/SP has two microprocessors which enable two programs to be run at the same time. The first, a Data General MicroEclipse-processor, will run three of the company's own operating systems: MP/AOS, RDOS and AOS. The second processor, an Intel 8086, allows users to run programs such as

Multiplan and Peachtree-series written for the accepted standards CP/M-86 and MS/DOS.

Program languages used are Basic, Fortran IV, S, 77 and Pascal.

The cost of the basic Model 10 is £2,532 and for this you get a CPU with 128KB of main memory, a single 368KB diskette, keyboard, 12-inch monitor and single supply power module. The more powerful 10/SP costs £5,608 and the extras include a 256KB CPU, dual power supplies and a 15MB Winchester module. If you want colour, the price up to £7,328. The maximum memory for both models is 768KB.

Models 20 and 30 do not have the Intel 8086 processor and are for use with DG's own systems. Hardware for these is much the same as for the Model 10/SP. The cost of the Model 20 is slightly less at £5,256, while the Model 30 comes out at £7,696, which also includes a floating point processing unit and a 512KB memory card.

It is clear that at these prices the marketing attack will not be directed at the home or hobby user. The drive will be towards small businesses, integrated office management and technical professionals.

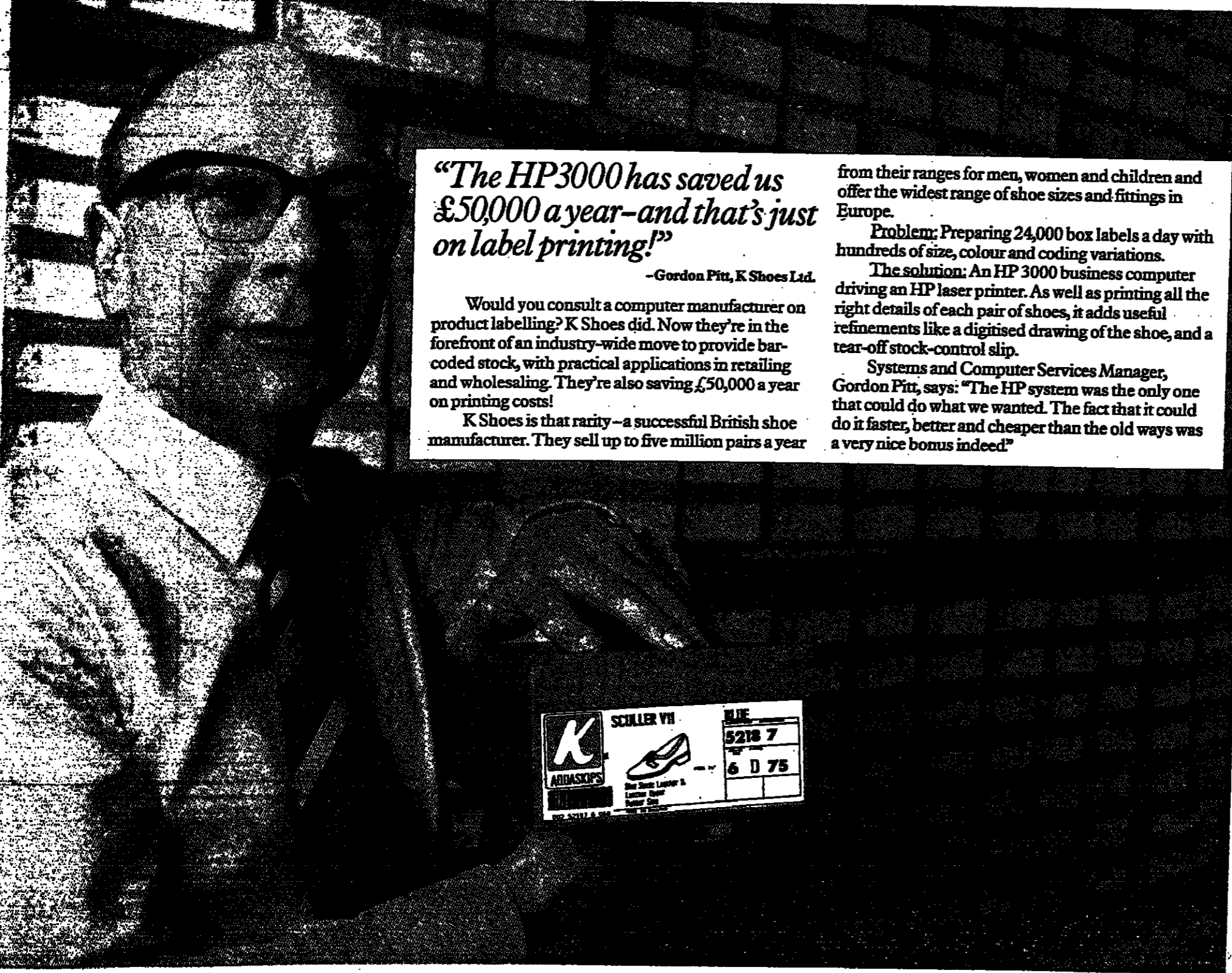
A triple approach to sales will be through dealerships, original equipment manufacturers, or - in the case of large company customers - through DG's direct sales force.

Production of the new range will come initially from Data General's plant at Clayton, North Carolina. The company's assembly factory in Hong Kong is expected to start output next January; it has not been decided whether this will replace or complement the US operation. Details of a European-based distribution centre will be made known next month by Mr Ray Fortune, DG's vice president, Europe.



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Datastream USM Leaders Index: 97.03 down 0.28
New York: Dow Jones Average (midday): 1227.66 down 3.31
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 8991.93 down 23.02
Hongkong: Hang Sang Index 1081.77
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Interims: Jourdan Thomas, National Westminster, Vantona, Vyssla.
Finans: Acrow (amended), Aeronautical and General Trust, British Kidney Patient Assoc, Investment Trust, Dixons, Dom Holdings, Grindlays, Hambro Trust, MacCarthy's Pharmaceuticals, Mercantile House, Radiant Metal, Vantage Securities.
Economic statistics: Balance of payments current account, overseas trade figures (June).

ANNUAL MEETINGS

TODAY - Amber Industrial Holdings, Caylor House, 2/4 St Mary's, EC3 (3.30); Hargreaves Group, Bowcliffe Hall, Bramham, Wetherby, W. Yorks (noon); Heron Corporation, Heron House, 19 Marylebone Road, NW1 (noon); Sterling Industries, Caylor House, 2/4 St Mary's, EC3 (12.30); Whitbread, Porter Tun Room, The Brewery, Chiswell Street, EC1 (noon).

NOTEBOOK

The clearing banks reporting season begins today with National Westminster. Profits are expected to show an improvement over the same period last year, despite higher bad debt provisions. **Page 17**

● Beer prices up: Ansell's, part of Allied Breweries, yesterday raised its ale and lager prices between 1p and 2p a pint at the bar in the Potteries, the Black Country, Birmingham and Coventry areas. In the Potteries, Allied's Inde Coop and Tetley allies rose 3p a pint. Tennents, the Scottish arm of Bass, is expected to put through price increases of up to 3p a pint, trade sources said.

Volcker admits concern over continued strong money growth

Dollar surges to record levels on fears of higher US interest rates

Renewed fears of another sharp rise in United States interest rates pushed the dollar to a record against the French franc yesterday and resulted in a flurry of nervous trading on world financial markets.

The markets were unsettled by the unexpected \$300m (£197m) increase in the United States money supply reported on Friday. Money growth continues to exceed even the broader, more relaxed targets announced by the United States central bank last week.

Also fuelling the fears were remarks by Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, that continued strong growth in the M1 measure of the money supply was a matter for concern.

Mr Volcker's comments led to

widespread speculation that the Fed would move quickly to curtail growth in the money supply, thus putting upward pressure on interest rates and resulting in another rise in the prime lending rate, perhaps this week.

The prime rate has stood at 10.5 per cent since February and many analysts believe it is too low in relation to other rates, which have risen sharply in recent months.

Despite what appeared to be a policy by the Fed of less emphasis on growth in M1, Mr Volcker said last week that he was not yet prepared to rule it out as an indicator.

"I'm not willing to say M1 is meaningless when the movements are as large as they have been," he told the Congressional Banking Committee.

At the same time Mr Volcker informed Congress that the Fed was nonetheless expanding its targets for money growth for the rest of the year to accommodate the large bulge in money supply since January.

Ibstock returns to profit in first half

By Susan Bevan

Ibstock Johnsen yesterday reported an impressive turnaround to first-half pre-tax profits of about £1.5m. It also forecast record profits for the year.

As a result, London Brick will have to increase considerably its takeover offer for Ibstock's shares. The deal is subject to clearance by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The publication of the commission's report is now imminent. "It has already been submitted to Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry," a letter from Mr Paul Hyde-Thompson, Ibstock chairman, says.

Profits expected for the six months to end-June compare with a loss of £1.27m in the same period of 1982 and a loss of £1.4m for the whole of last year. The previous record profit achieved was £5.07m in 1978 and analysts believe that the

Waddington forecasts £3m profit

By Our Financial Staff

John Waddington, the Monopoly game maker under attack from two rival predators, yesterday promised shareholders improved profits and dividends "if they remained loyal to the group."

The Leeds-based company said profits for the year ending in March would be about £3m against £253,000 for this year and forecast total dividends for the year of 15p, compared with 5p last year.

Norton Opax, the lottery printing group offering the highest bid terms, said last night that Waddington's record for forecasting should lead shareholders to treat its latest with caution. A dividend at this level would be imprudent, it says.

No statement was issued last night by the rival bidder, the British Printing & Communications Corporation controlled by Mr Robert Maxwell. BPCC is under pressure to raise its offer to remain a contender.

Norton Opax is offering £15.1m against BPCC's £13m.

Waddington's profits forecast is based on figures for its first three months to the end of June showing a turnaround from a £1.07m loss last year to a £780,000 profit.

Britain offered higher steel quotas

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The increase covers a range of different steel products, made by both the public and private sectors, and last night, experts were working on the figures to see how beneficial they would be to Britain.

According to an official, the amounts represent a "worthwhile increase in production."

Britain has reduced its capacity by 19.7 per cent since 1980 - the highest amount of any EEC country except France, which was also offered yesterday some increases in its production.

But Italy, which was also demanding an increase, has

been ignored and might even be asked to reduce its present share.

Italy is already hotly contesting Commission demands to reduce capacity by 3,460,000 tonnes and it was last night refusing to accept the latest Commission proposals.

The commission believes that anything up to 1,500,000 more steel must be shed in the Community over the next couple of years if the industry is to be made viable. Of these, around 6,000 are likely to come in Britain, where reductions in capacity of a further 500,000 tonnes have been demanded.

Deutschemark, franc and lira suffer

The dollar surged ahead on foreign exchanges yesterday as Friday's unexpected rise in the US money supply prompted more fears of higher US interest rates.

The dollar reached a 7½ year high against the Deutschemark of DM2.6140 at the official midday fixing. This was 2½ pennings above Friday's close and the highest since January 2, 1967.

Demand for the US currency also pushed it to a record high against the Italian Lira and the French franc of FF 7.8565 at the official fixing. However it lost ground after the opening of New York markets and in

US group buys Aston Martin

By Jonathan Clare

Aston Martin Lagonda, the renowned manufacturer of fast cars for the well-heeled, could be entirely owned by United States interests within three years.

The changes follow the sale by Pace Petroleum, the Surrey-based oil company, of its 50 per cent stake in Aston Martin Lagonda to Automotive Investments, the United States Aston Martin distributor. At the same time, CH Industrials has reduced its stake in Aston Martin Lagonda from 50 per cent to 45 per cent to give AI a total shareholding of 55 per cent.

CH Industrials has also granted AI options over its remaining shares which can be exercised over the next three years at an as yet undetermined price.

But CH Industrials is to keep its half share in Aston Martin Tickford, the coachbuilding firm which is soon to produce a convertible version of the Jaguar XJ-S. AI will own the other half of the Tickford company.

Pace has realized its investment in Aston Martin because of pressure on the oil side of its business. The deal will limit CH Industrials' financial involvement in the production of cars to putting up cash.

AI is expected to invest heavily in the development of new models.

The Aston Martin V8 is near the end of its production life although the Aston Martin Lagonda is expected to sell well for several years. Production has just returned to four cars a week after an industrial dispute. This level of production is just profitable.

Should CH Industrials shoulder some of the development burden, AI will probably not exercise its options, though this is unlikely. AI wanted a controlling interest in Aston Martin Lagonda as a prerequisite to putting up cash.

CH Industrials has a 20 per cent stake in the US distributor. It originally owned the distribution business but sold out and subsequently bought back an interest. Its total investment in Aston Martin is in the books at £640,000.

CH Industrials and Pace stepped in in January 1981 to help Aston Martin develop further.

On Friday, Toyota, the Japanese car maker, announced that it was to take a 16.5 per cent stake in Group Lotus, the Norwich sports car company.

But the latest figures revealed that growth is still well above even the expanded targets, putting renewed pressure on the central bank to rein in credit in order to calm fears of a resurgence of high inflation.

The latest targets set by the central bank have been interpreted by some analysts as the outgrowth of a policy to begin managing interest rates more closely.

"I think the targets mean that the central bank will now use a modest increase in rates to nudge strong third-quarter economic growth down to a more moderate and sustainable pace," said Mr Timothy Howard, chief economist of the Federal National Mortgage Association.

Flight and Huntleigh agree share swap

By Wayne Littot

Flight Refuelling (Holdings), the Dorset-based defence and electronics group, has announced a one-for-one share swap in its agreed bid for Huntleigh Group, the engineering and electronics company.

The shares of both companies were re-traded, having been suspended a week ago when the bid was first announced. At a Flight price of 203p, the bid is worth £29.16m and gives the combined company a capitalization of £101m.

The deal will give Huntleigh shareholders a 15 per cent increase over the suspension price of 176p, a forecast 20 per cent rise on Huntleigh's 1982 dividend and 33.3 per cent of the equity of the combined group.

Flight made a pre-tax profit forecast for the current year of £5m, up 33 per cent, and expects to recommend a total net dividend for the year of 2.5p, up 24 per cent.

Rolf Schild, chairman of Huntleigh, and Mr Peter Epstein, joint chief executive, are acquiring the medical and electronics sides of Huntleigh for £10,000 and accepting debt liability of £2m. That leaves Flight with the Hymatic Group, which designs and manufactures high technology equipment for the aerospace and defence industries.

City Editor's Comment

The pessimism of Mr Lawson

Conflicting economic statistics, ministerial statement and counter-leak over the past month or so have left Parliament, the City, and perhaps the Treasury too, in complete confusion over the true state of government finances.

Runaway monetary growth swollen by hefty borrowing by central government first gave the City collywobles as pundits predicted higher interest rates and massive sales of government stocks to mop up excess cash.

The Chancellor's emergency package to slice £500m off public spending and raise a further £500m through asset sales suggested that the City's fears were indeed shared by the Treasury.

Mr Lawson said his package was designed to bring spending back closer to target. Published figures showed central government spending in the first quarter of 1983-84 running more than £3,000m over plans at an annual rate.

The Treasury's unpublished summer forecast suggested public sector borrowing could top £11,000m this year, £3,000m above the £8,200m budget target.

Yet hardly had Mr Lawson's statement been digested, than new figures on public borrowing for the first quarter (including loans to town halls and state industries from private sources) suggested he had acted too hastily. They showed the public sector borrowing requirement at a seasonally adjusted £1,900m, comfortably inside the full-year target.

What is more, the critics argued, the Chancellor was foolish to act so early in the financial year when he could have no sensible means of judging what the PSBR will finally turn out

to be. In 1982-83, after all, the Treasury managed to underestimate it by £1,500m with only two weeks of the financial year left to go.

There must be a strong suspicion that the Chancellor has deliberately made use of pessimistic Treasury forecasts to put the frightened on his Cabinet colleagues in the run-up to the annual spending review of plans for the next year and beyond.

How better to keep spending ministers in line than to threaten tax increases or higher interest rates if the £5,000m of excess bids for 1984-85 were not eliminated?

This is not wholly fair. The latest PSBR figures owe much to questionable seasonal adjustment (unadjusted borrowing comes to a less healthy looking £3,900m) and to buoyant revenues which have helped conceal the overrun on government spending.

Chancellor's clampdown

And Mr Lawson, mindful of past experience, will be reluctant to assume - and to let spending ministers assume - that the revenues will automatically be there to finance higher spending. Even if they were, Tory election pledges dictate their use for tax cuts rather than extra spending, he can claim.

But, with all that said, the Chancellor does seem to be putting the worst possible gloss on what is happening. The treasury's summer forecast suggests economic growth and inflation this year and next are in line with plans; the rise in government spending could well ease off later this year, helped by the Chancellor's clampdown; revenues are doing well.

The magician in Mr Lawson may yet pull the tax rabbit out his hat next spring.



Mr Schild: taking on two divisions

Hymatic, which has forecast profits for the year of £2.3m, against £1.45m, was Huntleigh's most profitable area. And neatly dovetails into Flight's increasing expansion into defence-oriented activities. The deal takes Flight into missiles and infra-red weaponry.

Mr Michael Cobham, Flight chairman and chief executive, said that despite a virtual £20m goodwill payment, he expects Hymatic to increase profits substantially over the next three years and to make very considerable profit contributions to the enlarged company.

WALL STREET

Shares edge higher

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks were slowly recovering yesterday and made up some of the ground lost in the initial decline in response to the unexpected rise of \$300m in the basic money supply reported by the Federal Reserve last Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down about 5½ points at one stage, having been down about nine points earlier. Declines were 8-to-4 ahead of advances.

The stock market "should rally more in the next few weeks but will probably stay selective and do more testing or correcting later", according to Mr Robert Farrell, market analyst at Merrill Lynch.

"Bonds are in a bottoming process although a modestly lower low should not be ruled out. A buying opportunity in bonds appears to be developing. If bonds rally well it should help the stock market", he said.

Exxon was unchanged at 35, PPG Industries up ½ at 66½, American Telephone & Telegraph down ¾ at 61½, International Business Machines unchanged at 124½, Westinghouse down ¼ at 48½, Pfizer up ¾ at 40½, International Paper down ¼ at 51½, General Motors unchanged at 74½, Ford down ¼ at 58½, and Chrysler off ¼ at 30½.

Texas Instruments was down 6½ to 122½. It reported a second-quarter loss of \$119.2m compared with a profit of \$36.9m a year ago. The company blamed unexpectedly slow sales of its 99-4A home computer.

Cut in cash inflows for institutions

Financial institutions other than banks, such as insurance companies, pension funds and building societies, suffered a sharp drop in cash inflows in the first quarter of the year, according to the latest official figures.

Net inflows fell to £5,900m from £7,600m in the final quarter of 1982, mainly due to a slump in building society receipts.

More cash flowed into life assurance and pension funds in the first quarter but net receipts were no higher than a year earlier. These institutions reduced their purchases of British government stocks and United Kingdom shares, but stepped up investment in overseas shares to a record £1,170m - nearly a third of their net inflows.

● German recovery: West Germany's gross national product is expected to rise to almost 2 per cent later this year, compared with an increase of 1 per cent in the first half, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Overall, it is forecast to grow by 0.5 per cent in 1983.

● Tax changes: The Government is to change the tax treatment of deep discount bonds and of pension funds using financial futures in next year's Finance Bill. Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said in a written Parliamentary reply yesterday.

● Acrow delay: Acrow, the excavation equipment and bridge construction group, has postponed the release of full-year figures due today until August 4. Mr James Cunningham, managing director, said it was "more convenient for the board to meet next week." But there is considerable nervousness on the stock market. The company has been losing money and in February announced a refinancing package.

BANCA TOSCANA

Joint Stock Company, Head Office in Florence
Fully paid up capital: Lit. 30,000,000,000 Reserves and risks funds Lit. 560,195,031,724

At the Ordinary General Meeting, held on June 21st, 1983 in Florence at the Bank's Head Office, the Portinari Salvati Palace, under the presidency of Mr. Martino Bardotti, the shareholders of Banca Toscana approved the report for the financial year ending December 31st, 1982.

In the course of the year the Bank has experienced a considerable development in all its activities resulting in a substantial increase in the Bank's own resources which, after the application of the provisions of Law nr. 72 of March 19th 1983 and the subsequent resolutions of the General Meeting, reached Lit. 598 billions.

The gross profit made it possible to effect depreciations and provisions for Lit. 209 billions and to allocate Lit. 7,900 millions to reserves. Lit. 700 millions to the charity fund. The dividend, increased from Lit. 50 to Lit. 60 per share, is payable from June 22nd, 1983 at all the branches of the Bank as well as at Monte dei Paschi di Siena, Credito Commerciale and Credito Lombardo.

	lit.	% variation
Customers' deposits	6,279 billions	(+19.1%)
Loans to customers	2,362 billions	(+10.9%)
Securities owned	2,791 billions	(+19.6%)
Net profit	17,766 millions	(+25.3%)
Capital, reserves and risks funds	590 billions	(+19.8%)

FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31st 1982

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Michael Prest

Nat West kicks off banking season

Concern over the international debt crisis and the need for provisions against both international and domestic banks have been key influences in the clearing banks for some time now.

The recent focus of attention on the clearing bank provisions, which begins today in interim results from London Westminster followed by Midland tomorrow, Lloyds Friday and Barclays next week.

City analysts are expecting an increase in aggregate tax profits from the big four. It is expected to show the most significant improvement in a poor first half in 1982.

Bad-debt provisions are expected to be lower than in the second half of last year but still up on the first. Wood Grieve is forecasting a rise of £331m in the first half of 1983 to £403m, and both Barclays and de Zoete & Bevan set first-half provisions to be at least £470m.

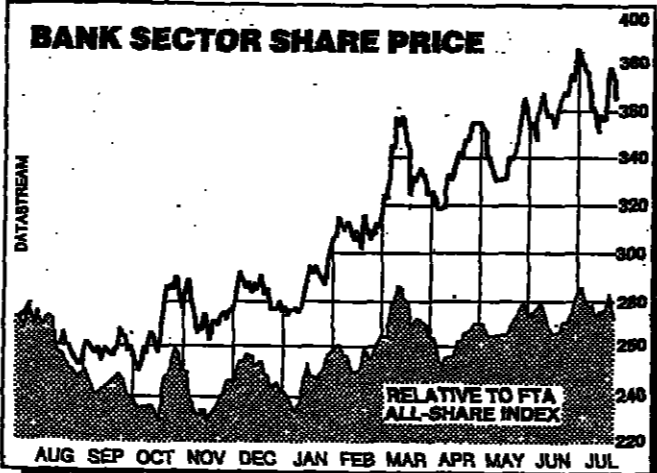
Nevertheless, pretax profits should still be up, with de Zoete & Bevan, for instance, forecasting an 11 per cent gain from £738m to £817m.

Provisions will remain an important factor in the second half of the year, although some analysts believe that the worst provisions could fall in the second half and bank profits could be helped significantly by lower provisions in 1984.

Looking into the future, questions also remain as to how well the banks can cope with other changes in their operating environment, such as the growing competition for savings and the likelihood of having to live with much lower interest rates than in the past.

A sustained period of high interest rates has led to a marked reduction in the proportion of sterling deposits drawn from current accounts, but the banks have taken steps to offset the loss of endowment profits by increasing charges for services. There are also some modest signs in recent months of a reversal in the trend away from current accounts.

The banks can also expect lower inflation to help towards containing the growth in internal costs.



AAH
The colder spell in February and March after what until then had been a mild winter helped the fuel interests — through the joint company with the National Coal Board — and profits were only slightly down.

The solid fuel side produced £5.9m against £6.4m and oil fuel made £811,000 against £942,000, although bad debts were up.

The late winter weather was also comparatively dry, to the benefit of the building materials supply interests which doubled

profits from £1m to £2.2m. This trend has continued this year as private housing starts have risen.

The agricultural services business, which has local authority contracts for mowing grass and planting flower beds, also benefited from the same dry weather. Both agricultural services and building materials commonly make a loss during winter but proved very resilient this time round.

The black spots were the two engineering companies which turned in a £4,000 loss against profits of £206,000, but rationalization measures in the last quarter should cut losses. One company is on short time working.

The "miscellaneous" loss has been cut by two thirds to £113,000 but is largely the result of the re-allocation of head office expenses.

Once again the dividend has been increased. AAH is proud of its dividend record which has beaten inflation virtually every year.

This year should see profits back to at least the £9.8m made in 1980-81. The company stands to benefit from further privatization of local authority work, both through its agricultural services and the waste disposal business.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in penny per troy ounce
Bullion: Whitt & Co. Ltd. report

IRON HIGH GRADE
1121.00-1132.00
1140.00-1151.00
20580

IRON CATHODES
1084.00-1096.00
1110.00-1111.75

STANDARD
8505-8510
8575-8580

IRON-GRANULES
8505-8510
8585-8590

IRON-GRANULES
248.00-258.50
275.00-275.00
1100

IRON-GRANULES
503.00-504.00
518.00-519.00
3600

IRON-GRANULES
810.811.5
830.0-831.0
74

IRON-GRANULES
1047.00-1047.00
4925

IRON-GRANULES
3160-3170
3240-3250

IRON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
US\$ per oz.
426.00-426.00
434.00-434.00
438.00-438.00
440.00-440.00
44.80-46.50

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Bremar Trust. — The trust has bought R. Raphael and Sons and the remaining shares in Look Service Stations.

R. Raphael will form the nucleus of the banking division and provide a base for its expansion. It will retain its name.

Associated British Engineering. — The board has stated that the amount of dividend for the year to March 31 will depend on the level of profits. The company says the increase should not be less than 10 per cent.

Cadbury Schweppes Australia. — The company reported a 26 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from A\$6.6m to A\$8.3m (£2.7m to £4.7m) on an increase in sales from A\$171.7m to A\$147.5m for the 24 weeks to June 18. An interim dividend of 4.5 cents has been declared.

Resource Technology. — The company has bought Underwater Trials, the diver and underwater trials group. The consideration of £210,000 for the 64 per cent of UTL, owned by a consortium of institutional shareholders has been satisfied by the issue of 120,000 per cent net redeemable preference shares 1989.

W. S. Yeates
Year to 30.4.83
Pretax profit £562,000 (£715,000)
Stated earnings 17.4p (29.7p)
Turnover £15.3m (£14.6m)
Net interest 5.0p dividend (4.8p)
Dividend payable September 1

F. M. Tomkins
Year to 1.5.83
Pretax profit £1,589,000 (£1,270,000)
Stated earnings 4.41p (3.85p)
Turnover £215,318,000 (£215,318,000)
Net Final Dividend 1.5p (1.35p)

Ain Group
Year to 3.4.83
Pretax profit £447,000 (£2.2m)
Stated earnings 2.1p (1.6p)
Turnover £10.9m (£12.8m)
Share price 3.85p
Dividend payable October 1

Alfred Freedy
Year to 26.3.83
Pretax profit £482,000 (£930,000)
Stated earnings 3.83p (8.48p)
Turnover £297,178,000 (£297,178,000)
Net final dividend 2.75p p same
Dividend payable October 3

Celestion Industries
Year to 2.4.83
Stated Loss 2.1p (0.7p)
Turnover £232,025,000 (£232,025,000)
Net final dividend 1p (same)

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT	BARLEY
1983	117.25	112.50
1982	117.25	112.50
1981	117.25	112.50
1980	117.25	112.50
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1950	117.25	112.50

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING
ANNOUNCEMENT
Sample Housing Survey of the Kingdom Phase I

The Ministry of Public Works and Housing intends to carry out a Housing Sample Survey in the whole Kingdom. The sample of dwellings to be included in a field survey will be defined through analysis of LANDSAT data and aerial photography interpretation.

This announcement concerns only the first phase of the Housing Survey during which two tasks will have to be performed concurrently.

The first task consists of the establishment of an inventory of all residential areas in the Kingdom to the level of hamlet using computer analysis of LANDSAT data.

The second task consists of the sample survey of housing in the six main cities of the Kingdom. The consultant will use aerial photography supplied by the Ministry to determine the number of residences in each city and to select a representative sample of dwellings to be the subject of a field survey. The field survey will be carried out by the consultant who will also be responsible for data processing.

Companies, joint ventures or other entities who have had demonstrable experience in successfully executing such work and have the expertise and capacity to undertake either one or both of the tasks mentioned above and who wish to bid for either one or both contracts are invited to submit their qualification to the Deputy Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Public Works and Housing before August 31, 1983.

Application forms for prequalification and a more detailed description of the work required can be obtained from the Consulate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in London or from the Office of the Deputy Minister of Housing, Ministry of Public Works and Housing in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from August 01 until August 10, 1983 inclusive.

GREAT PORTLAND ESTATES

Basil Samuel, F.R.I.C.S., Chairman and Joint Managing Director, reports on the year ended 31st March, 1983—

- * RENTS RECEIVABLE UP 8% TO £16,153,000.
- * NET REVENUE AFTER TAX UP 18% TO £8,072,000.
- * DIVIDEND INCREASED BY 16%.
- * NET ASSETS £259,592,000.
- * CONFIDENCE IN LONG-TERM GROWTH PROSPECTS.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary at

Knighton House, 56 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8BD Telephone: 01-580 3040

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INDUSTRIALIZATION FUND OF FINLAND LTD.
US\$25,000,000 5 1/2% Bonds 1977 (81-87)

Note is hereby given that pursuant to the terms and conditions the redemption date of US\$2,500,000 as per 15 September, 1983, will be withdrawn from the sinking fund. Therefore, a drawing by lot of bonds will not be effected this year.

The outstanding amount after redemption as per 15 September, 1983, will be US\$23,500,000.

Helsinki, July, 1983 Industrialization Fund of Finland Ltd.

Bank of Tokyo (Curaçao) Holding N.V.
US\$50,000,000
Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes due 1987

Payment of the principal of, and interest on, the Notes is unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by

The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd.
(Incorporated in Japan)

In accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement between Bank of Tokyo (Curaçao) Holding N.V., The Bank of Tokyo Ltd., and Citibank, N.A., dated July 10, 1980, notice is hereby given that the Rate of Interest has been fixed at 10 1/2% p.a. and that the interest payable on the relevant Interest Payment Date, January 26, 1984 against Coupon No. 7 will be US\$273.13.

July 26, 1983 London
By: Citibank, N.A. (CSSI Dept), Agent Bank **CITIBANK**

HALLITE PLC

Manufacturers of precision seals, hose and components in engineering polymers

Summary of results for the 52 weeks ended 30th April, 1983

1983	1982
Turnover	5000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1170
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	926
Earnings per share	
— net basis	1.023
— nil basis	32.5p
— nil basis	32.5p
Dividends per share	11.0p

Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. J. Gordon—

- The results represent further important progress by the group during a year when the main markets for group products throughout the world were in recession.
- Continuing attention is being given to investment in the latest technology associated with all aspects of group business. Capital investment in plant, equipment and tooling totalled £1.2 million.
- There is as yet no clear evidence of an upturn in market requirements but the group is well placed to benefit from any improvement in demand for group products in the future.

HALLITE

APPOINTMENTS

Board post at Dalgety for Carey

Dalgety: Sir Peter Carey, formerly permanent secretary at the Department of Industry, is joining the board as non-executive director on August 1.

Triefus: Mr J. K. Morland and Mr M. F. Triefus have been appointed joint managing directors. Mr D. J. Hitchings and Mr C. F. Triefus have been made directors. Mr Hitchings continues as secretary.

Colonial Assurance Brokers: Mr Stephen Leysbourne, formerly financial director of Car Care Plan (Holdings), has become deputy managing director.

Silver Line: Mr C. E. Bugden has been named director of finance and administration with Mr N. Wright as director of projects and tanker chartering.

Sleepezee: Miss Janet Kimber has become company secretary and treasurer.

Soil Mechanics: Mr Geoffrey Brooker has been appointed financial director with Mr John Scarrow as operations director and Mr Ian Hunt as marketing director.

TR International (Chemicals): Mr Michael Holman has become managing director.

Irish Life Assurance Co.: Mr T. D. Kingston will become chief executive of the company from January 1 next in succession to Mr Bob Willis.

Mawdsley's: Mr J. S. Tyrrell has been appointed technical director.

Enskilda Securities: Mr Richard Wilson has been made a director with particular responsibility for Eurobond sales.

Mardon Wrappings: Mr Peter Wendon has been named sales director.

Marine Ventures: Mr John Agnew has become a non-executive director.

This announcement appears as a matter of record only.

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Creditanstalt-Bankverein Deutsche Bank AG London Branch
Dresdner Bank AG London Branch The First National Bank of Boston
Hambros Bank Limited Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company
Midland Bank plc The Mitsui Bank, Limited
The Royal Bank of Canada Group The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Toronto Dominion Bank

co-ordinated by

Hambro Australia Limited

July, 1983

Country and New Town Properties p.l.c.

Summary of Results for the year ended 31st January

1983	1982
Profit before Tax	2,007
Profit after Tax	1,501
Earnings per share	1.76p
Dividend per share	1.00p
Group properties	£82m
Net Assets per share	97p

Highlights from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. G.M. Newton

- £13.5m has been received for the company's insurance claim on the Civil Service Store in the Strand, burned down last year.
- Further large claims are under negotiation for consequential loss of profits due to the fire.
- Further expansion and rising profits and dividends are forecast. "The Group is certainly well placed to progress as a widely based property investment company. Furthermore, the strong liquid position will permit us to sustain an improving level of profits and dividends in the years to come."

Copies of the Report & Accounts are available from the Secretary, Water House, 318-322 Strand, London WC2R 0PL

GREENE KING

Brewers—Bury St. Edmunds

GROWTH CONTINUES

1983	1982
52 weeks to 1 May	52 weeks to 2 May
£'000	£'000
Turnover	68,203
Profit before tax	8,011
Taxation	2,781
Profit after tax	5,230
Dividends	1,634

In his statement, the Chairman, Mr. John Bridge, says—

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CRICKET: ENGLAND WILL NOT BE HELD TO POLITICAL RANSOM

W Indies board out on a limb

The chances are that the West Indian cricketers will come to England next summer to fulfil their scheduled tour...

England is in doubt basically because the West Indian board began by asking for an understanding, which the TCCB were not prepared to give...

and cricketers administration of any other. Already, in fact, Australia have West Indies' tour...

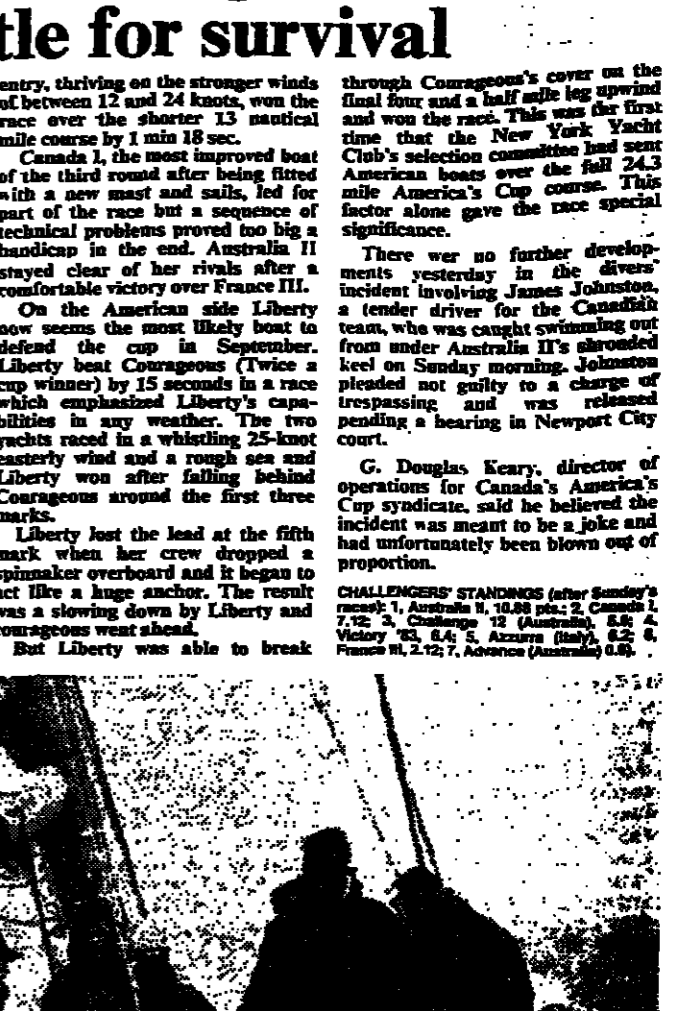
The TCCB have a lifetime to offer the West Indians. This is that in England next summer they would not be expected to play against any of their own cricketers...

GOLF McEvoy takes jungle path

Peter McEvoy, twice an Amateur champion, survived a harrowing passage in the first round of the English club championship...

AMERICA'S CUP: BRITISH HOPES IN BALANCE Victory '83 engaged in crucial battle for survival

Newport, Rhode Island (Agency) - The British entry '83 battled for survival yesterday in a crucial race against the Australian yacht Challenger 12...



American hope: Liberty battles through choppy seas to beat Courageous

Amiss lifts Warwickshire

EDGEMOND: Warwickshire, with five first innings wickets in hand, are 140 runs behind the New Zealanders...

square cut, felt he had been cheated, then there was some justification for his so thinking because on pitching the ball had crept horribly before hitting the base of the off stump...

Chaffield bomed in to collect again with David Smith falling to a catch behind. That was in the twelfth over...

Ban on Old reduced

The 12-day ban on Chris Old (above), for writing a derogatory newspaper article, was reduced when his case was reviewed at Lord's yesterday...

TENNIS Wimbledon keeps its floodlights in dark

Wimbledon are insisting on no publicity for today's floodlit tennis experiment on the centre court...

Borg 'may make a comeback'

Washington (Reuters) - Bjorn Borg is considering playing a few tournaments next year as a prelude to a possible comeback to try and regain his former world No 1 ranking...

Warren no rabbit to Scott

The Scottish International, Robin Scott, made a surprise early exit from the tennis tournament sponsored by ESAB in Newcastle yesterday...

Grecian glories of the classic summer game

The cricketers with Odyssean flair

Corfu (Reuters) - Cricket may be the French, bore the Americans and leave the mainland Greeks cold, but on this island off Greece's west coast, the game has never been more popular...

showed us how to play properly. Earlier this century, teams from visiting Royal Navy ships kept the island's players up to scratch...

Young people just devour English language cricket magazines. Leftis Avgiostis, who acts as a liaison man for Corfu's cricketers with the central government in Athens, said: "He has won a lot of money for the island..."

ATHLETICS Coghlan regains his mettle

Derek O'Connor, a student aged 18, completed a sprint double in the Irish athletics championships in Dublin on Sunday...

Scotland recall beaten Huggan

John Huggan, beaten by Charlie Green in the final of the Scottish Amateur Golf Championship on Saturday, has been recalled to the Scotland team to meet Sweden at Leven on Friday August 5...

Jahan steps forward into England squad

There are two newcomers in the Squash Rackets Association squad to represent England in the coming world team championships...

Scot at top will sweep chimneys

Bay City, Michigan (AP) - Despite acting experience that includes a bit part in the film Tough Enough, Murray Sutherland, an actor-born former world light-heavyweight champion...

FOR THE RECORD

Table with columns for BASEBALL, NATIONAL LEAGUE, and GOLF, listing various sports events and results.

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RACING: FIRST DAY OF GOODWOOD

Morse Pip can justify local Cup confidence

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Morse Pip is my selection to win the William Hill Stewards' Cup which, true to tradition, is the centrepiece of the first day of Goodwood's big five-day summer meeting...

Pip had nothing to race with when the Wokingham came to the boil but with Amoroso, Little Starchy and Expressly Yours all drawn low, besides Melindra, he will certainly not lack company this time...

empty-handed as he has a first-rate chance of winning the Gordon Stakes on Russian Roubles who looked a trifle unlucky at Royal Ascot when he came on the scene late to chase home Shareef Dancer...



Russian Roubles: favoured by the fast conditions

Apprentices' incentive

A new European apprentice championship, featuring the leading apprentice jockeys from eight countries, will be held in Denmark, Sweden, Spain, France, Italy and Germany...

Skilling breaks leg

The jockey Jock Skilling broke his right leg when his mount Sweet Savage fell at Newcastle yesterday.

Bath results

2.15 DAINSBURY STAKES (2-y-o colts; 23/5) 5/1 BATHY... 2.45 SURREY STAKES (2-y-o fillies; 23/5) 5/1 BATHY...

Samaranch: Soviet boycott 'unlikely'

Moscow (AP) - The president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, says the Soviet Union is unlikely to boycott the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics if NATO deploys new American missiles in Europe...

Burkinshaw carries on waiting for Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle is keeping Tottenham Hotspur waiting on his plans for next season, Keith Burkinshaw, the Tottenham manager, had hoped to announce yesterday that Hoddle - a free agent at the end of this week - had agreed to stay at Tottenham...

Chris Smith stakes his international claim South Africa's early riser may wake to a new English dawn

The satisfaction felt by Chris Tavaré and Graeme Fowler at their double-century opening partnership in the first Test must have been matched by the gratitude of the selectors. They were able to defer a potentially embarrassing problem over the claims of Chris Smith, the Hampshire batsman for a place as an England opener.

If that suggests a certain single-mindedness it would not be a misleading impression, for behind Smith's Californian surfer's looks and laid-back manner, there is an impression to his craft. Even now in winters in South Africa - which he tries hard not to call home - he spends three hours a day practising against a bowling machine in the net in the back garden, although Robin now uses the machine from 6am until breakfast time while he works out in a gymnasium.

Although Smith's voice reveals his origins in every syllable, he has met the current requirement and says that, whatever might happen in cricket's volatile political climate, he is committed to a future in England, where he has now bought a house. "I had always set my sights on coming to England", he said. "I always wanted to play county cricket. I like living in the country and I made a commitment to England in 1980 and I will never go back on it."

Such single-mindedness recalls Boycott, and the comparison is also frequently made on their approach to batting. On good wickets the similarities of style and reliability as run-getters are striking. Hampshire's captain, Nick Cook, is sure that Smith would be a prolific scorer in Test matches, saying that had Smith been picked for the Oval Test "it was events that he would have scored a century".

That three of England's first five batsmen may then speak with a South African accent is highly speculative, but Chris Smith is pressing his own claim every time he goes to the wicket. "If I get near 2,000 runs for the season I hope the sheer weight of runs will make some impression when they pick the touring team for the winter", he said. As he is now less than 600 runs away, his target by half way through next month may well have increased to 2,500.

There have also been suspicions over the years that Boycott is not the best player in the world of fast, short-pitched bowling, and that is the one area too where reservations may exist about Smith's potential as an England opener.



Chris Smith: dedicated craftsman

Flattering

It is not a reservation which can be applied to Robin: the younger Smith, who combines the build of a Bolton full back circa 1950 with the face of a subaltern at the Somme, pounces upon anything short of a length with almost murderous relish. Anyone who saw the flat six which flew into the bushes at Uxbridge as he despatched a bouncer will have no doubt about Smith's ability. For a 19-year-old it was quite breathtaking.

Peter Ball

Goodwood

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2.0 TELEVISION (BBC2) 2.0, 2.30, 3.10 and 3.40 races

2.10 MOLECOMB STAKES (Group III; 2-y-o: £13,228: 5f) (7 runners)

- 101 PRECOCCIOUS (D) (Lund Tavolara) G Cael 9-0... 102 CLAYTON (D) (Lund Tavolara) G Cael 9-0... 103 AFRICAN ABANDON (D) (A Richards) C Britain 8-7... 104 CLOCK 'EM (P) (H Loo) M Jarvis 8-7... 105 WEE WEE WOO (D) (Hickling) F Wito 8-7... 106 PRECOCCIOUS (D) (Lund Tavolara) G Cael 9-0... 107 CLAYTON (D) (Lund Tavolara) G Cael 9-0... 108 AFRICAN ABANDON (D) (A Richards) C Britain 8-7... 109 CLOCK 'EM (P) (H Loo) M Jarvis 8-7... 110 WEE WEE WOO (D) (Hickling) F Wito 8-7

2.30 OAK TREE STAKES (3-y-o Fillies: £9,021: 7f) (7)

- 201 SILVERDIP (D) (G Straveridge) Bading 8-9... 202 FERRY BOUND (Mrs R Hastings) S Hills 8-9... 203 LINDA'S FANTASY (D) (J Bray) A Armstrong 8-9... 204 LIVE WITH ME (D) (Graham) R Baker 8-9... 205 WHAT A PITY (D) (H Thaddeus) R Houghton 8-9... 206 SILVERDIP (D) (G Straveridge) Bading 8-9... 207 FERRY BOUND (Mrs R Hastings) S Hills 8-9... 208 LINDA'S FANTASY (D) (J Bray) A Armstrong 8-9... 209 LIVE WITH ME (D) (Graham) R Baker 8-9... 210 WHAT A PITY (D) (H Thaddeus) R Houghton 8-9

3.40 GORDON STAKES (Group III; 3-y-o: £18,688: 1m 4f) (5)

- 401 DECEIT (D) (D Deane) G Cael 9-10... 402 GOOD AS DIAMONDS (A Sheehan) B Hills 9-10... 403 JOHN FRENCH (D) (G Straveridge) Bading 8-11... 404 MAJESTIC ENDEAVOUR (D) (G Straveridge) Bading 8-11... 405 RUSSIAN ROUBLES (D) (G Straveridge) Bading 8-11... 406 DECEIT (D) (D Deane) G Cael 9-10... 407 GOOD AS DIAMONDS (A Sheehan) B Hills 9-10... 408 JOHN FRENCH (D) (G Straveridge) Bading 8-11... 409 MAJESTIC ENDEAVOUR (D) (G Straveridge) Bading 8-11... 410 RUSSIAN ROUBLES (D) (G Straveridge) Bading 8-11

Goodwood selections

By Michael Phillips

2.0 Precocious, 2.30 Silverdip, 3.10 Morse Pip, 3.40 Russian Roubles, 4.10 Refill, 4.40 Prego.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Precocious, 2.30 Pig Tail, 3.10 Autumn Sunset, 3.40 John French, 4.10 Galignani, 4.40 Full Rainbow.

Redcar

Draw no advantage

2.15 JOLLY SAILOR HANDICAP (selling: £1,038: 6f) (20 runners)

- 300431 JIMMY RAINE (D) (Mrs Raine) T Barton 3-8 1/2 (7 ex) ... 300432 PIP 'EM (D) (Mrs Norton) S Barton 3-10 ... 300433 SANDRO LYNN (D) (C Balf) Balf 4-3 ... 300434 NAUGHTY THOR (D) (Mrs M Totton) A Bolding 4-8 1/2 ... 300435 GOLDEN HULLY (D) (R Wood) G Heston 5-8 ... 300436 CHINA GOLD (D) (D Ibbotson) Mils 5-10 ... 300437 KRUGERMAN (P) (S Wymore) S-12 ... 300438 CAROLINE (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 5-11 ... 300439 BOING TO SHOO (P) (S Wymore) J Eshington 5-11 ... 300440 RUSTIC CHIEF (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 5-11 ... 300441 CHIEF AMALIE (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 5-11 ... 300442 BACHACHO BOY (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 5-11 ... 300443 BLUE GARY (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 5-11 ... 300444 FRODO GLOFF (D) (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 5-11 ... 300445 LIGHTLY MOVED (D) (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 5-11

3.45 REDCAR SILVER SAILER STAKES (2-y-o: £3,073: 7f) (8)

- 440912 BARTEL BARBET (Barrel Lug) G Bell 9-3 ... 440913 ARBOUR TOWN (R Wainwright) R D Pearsall 8-5 ... 440914 TRUSTY TROUBADOR (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 8-5 ... 440915 GAZZARD (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 8-5 ... 440916 HSE HOUSE (Mrs G) G Heston 8-5 ... 440917 WELLS RIDGED (Mrs M) G Heston 8-5 ... 440918 HSE HOUSE (Mrs G) G Heston 8-5 ... 440919 WELLS RIDGED (Mrs M) G Heston 8-5 ... 440920 HSE HOUSE (Mrs G) G Heston 8-5

4.15 TEES MOUTH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,337: 1m 1f) (8)

- 000000 HASTA A SHADOW (A Duffell) J McLaughlin 9-7 ... 000001 CESTER HILL (Mrs D) Chapman 8-2 ... 000002 BURNING STAR (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 8-11 ... 000003 GAS ONLY (Shahin) H Houghton 8-11 ... 000004 TRUSTY TROUBADOR (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 8-11 ... 000005 ON TOUR (T Kelso) W Haggis 8-3 ... 000006 NARROW AND SHORT (Shahin) H Houghton 8-11 ... 000007 BURNING STAR (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 8-11 ... 000008 HASTA A SHADOW (A Duffell) J McLaughlin 9-7 ... 000009 CESTER HILL (Mrs D) Chapman 8-2 ... 000010 BURNING STAR (D) (Mrs M) G Heston 8-11

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9.30 The Muppet Show...
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8.30 News...
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